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Overseas Edition

Shevardnadze may be persuaded to stay

Gorbachev in desperate hunt for way out

By BRUCE CLARK AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

was yesterday desperately in power and prevent the acted to it with his usual among deputies to the Rus-Soviet Union collapsing into chaos.

A draft resolution to patch together temporary Gorbachev had Mr Shevard-movements and groups join agreements between the nadze in mind, envisages the forces and not allow such an republies was circulated at creation of several new inthe supreme legislature stitutions. A federation counafter five days of inconclu-cil would represent the sive debate on a new union republics, a security council treaty. The mayor of would oversee defence, and a Leningrad said that with- new federal agency would out such an arrangement, "we will have to go to the military on our own and ask them to govern us".

The Congress of People's Deputies was also asked to approve sweeping changes to bolster Mr Gorbachev's power, amid speculation that Eduard Shevardnadze would continue to serve at his side in spite of his surprise resignation as foreign minister.

The two men held a long meeting yesterday, after which a close adviser to Mr Gorbachev predicted continued high office for Mr Shevardnadze, "The president is not the sort of person who would lightly part with such an ally," Georgy Shakhnaza-

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Students win grant battle

The Royal Institute of British Architects hailed a High Count ruling that the government acted illegally in withdrawing grants from student architects in the last two years of courses at universities, polytechnics and colleges. The education department must meet the costs of the action Page 4

Faldo aims high



Nick Faldo (above), the Open and US Masters champion, is ready to help aspiring newcomers as he tries to ensure that Europe remains domi-....Page 21 nant in golf

Hoxha retires

In two blows against the old order. Nexhmije Hoxha, the widow of Albania's dictator. Enver Hoxha, retired as president of the influential Democratic Front, and all Stalin statues throughout the country were ordered to be

Bright bargains

There are bargains to be found in the winter sales for anyone with an eye for vivid green swing coats or hot pink cashmere sweaters, Liz Smith

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Deficit narrows Britain's current account deficit narrowed last month to £971 million from £1.06 billion as imports of manufactured goods fell sharply but exports remained on a high plateau. The pound rose encouragingly against a floundering Deutschemark... Page 28

Dividend blow WPP Group, the debt-ridden advertising agency run by Martin Sorrell, has withdrawn its dividend payment of 13.7p a share to conserve cash. The shares, which peaked at 715p earlier this year, fell more than 20 per cent to 50p on the

every week. Weekend money of all export sales of Minis. Japanese enthusiasts were buying

PRESIDENT Gorbachev rov, said. He added that the threat of a crackdown on "having studied the world the reform movement. The searching for a constitu- reaction to Shevardnadze's core of that coalition, the tion that would keep him resignation, the president regroup said, would be formed

> equanimity". The proposed new constitu- that all deputies of the Rustion, including a powerful vice-presidency for which Mr tackle rising crime. A state inspectorate would ensure that presidential decrees were

The post of prime minister is unexpectedly retained, at the head of a new cabinet collapse. It said Moscow directly subordinate to the president. This leaves open the possibility that the muchcriticised Nikolai Ryzhkov might keep his job, although form the economic system, it there was speculation that the will drift towards collapse," finance minister, Valentin

Pavlov, would be promoted. Putting the proposals forward, the parliamentary speaker, Anatoli Kykyanov, said the changes were aimed at bringing "well-being and peace to millions of people and restoring their faith in future". But a deputy from Kiev immediately protested, saying: "A coup d'état is taking place, a quiet, creeping, rightist, reactionary coup d'état with Mikhail Gorbaconference. chev at its head, although he

EC leaders at their summit in Rome last weekend enmay not realise it." Technically some two-dorsed a package of nearly thirds of the 2.250 members of \$1.6 billion in food, medicine dorsed a package of nearly the conserva must endorse any and technical aid for Moscow constutional change but the during 1991. The United presidium has already decided States announced \$1 billion in not to count absentees, who credits for the Soviet Union to nactude deputies from the buy agricultural products. The Baltic and Armenian republics 217-page commission report who are boycotting the session. The changes also rest on omy was deteriorating despite the clusive agreement on the this aid. Further evidence of Presi-

new union treaty, laying down a reformed structure for the dent Gorbachev's domestic Soviet federation. That has problems emerged with renow been left to drafting ports that 21 soldiers had been committees who must try to injured when a fist fight bridge differences between the among rival ethnic groups in Soviet leadership and the western Ukraine turned into a republics including the Rusgun battle engulfing almost a hundred soldiers.

Democrats yesterday rallied The battle, in the town of round to halt what Mr Chop on the Hungarian bor-Shevardnadze described on der, had lasted hours, and the Thursday as the threat of soldiers attacked the arms dictatorship, effectively apstores, arsenal and guard-pealing to Mr Gorbachev to house, Tass reported. Officers join forces with Boris Yeltsin, arriving at the scene were also attacked and guards fired into The Inter-Regional Group the legs of the rioters.

of radical deputies called in a statement to the parliament Aid doubts, page 6 Kremlin colonels, page 8 democratic forces to beat back Leading article, page 9

Big costs bill for Sonia Sutcliffe in libel case

By ROBIN YOUNG

SONIA Sutcliffe, the wife of later reduced by the Court of Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Appeal to £60,000. Ian Hislop, Ripper, yesterday lost her libel the editor of Private Eye, said action against the News of the last night: "If it is true that World. Costs awarded against Mrs Sutcliffe committed perher are expected to be as much as £300,000 and it is possible that Mrs Sutcliffe might be

sian federation.

the Russian president.

charged with alleged perjury. During the 15-day trial George Carman QC, counsel for the News of the World, said that Mrs Sutcliffe had committed perjury during the hearing and at the trial last year of a libel action against the magazine Private Eye in which she was initially awarded damages of £600,000,

last night: "If it is true that jury that should be dealt with by the Director of Public

Prosecutions." In a separate action yesterday Broadmoor hospital was granted a High Court injunction banning the News of the World and its reporter John Chapman from offering inducements to hospital staff for information about Mr Sutcliffe, who is detained there.

Libel verdict, page 3



Not the January sales: Alvis Wallbank with coats donated for the homeless at Christmas

Jams as holiday getaway

begins By OUR AIR CORRESPONDENT

MILLIONS of families took to the road, sea and air yesterday afternoon as office workers left their desks early and the great Christmas reunion got under way.

Airlines put on additional flights to cope. Some passengers missed flights because the security checks - stepped up because of growing fears of a terrorist attack - were taking longer than normal, as passengers were asked to unwrap their gifts.

Increased congestion at check-in desks, with at least 6 per cent more people on the move this year than last, also caused delays. Passengers were warned to check in up to two hours before their flight.

Roads were quiet during the morning, but jams began to build up as offices closed early. Motorists should find few problems on the roads this weekend with temperatures higher than average.
As is now customary, there

will be no trains Christmas Day. On Boxing Day, British Rail will operate only special airport link services to Gatwick and Luton airports. On Christmas Eve, there will be a reduced weekday service. There will be similar reduced weekday services on Decem-

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Talks collapse leaves fate of Pan Am in the balance

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

officials.

The Americans had pleaded lines would be allowed to take over Pan Am's routes into and ou! of Heathrow, but were told that nothing could be decided until after full consultation on the future distribution of air traffic throughout the London region in mid-January.

as a result cash- starved Pan progress on detailed negotia-Am could be forced into bankruptcy with the blame being laid squarely at the door British . hide-bound intransigence."

THE survival of Pan Am was Bush to ask him to raise the leading an almost hand-tolast night hanging in the matter with John Major, the mouth existence over the past balance after the effective prime minister, during talks at few months and is rapidly collapse of talks between Brit- Camp David and break what reaching the point where it ish and American transport they regard as a bureacratic log may have to consider applying for bankruptcy. Desperate at-

The British side, however, is with Whitehall to give an adamant that nothing can night to try to raise additional undertaking that United Air- happen until the CAA has finance at least to tide the completed its formal vestigation into traffic distribution, reports to the Department of Transport, and Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, has in turn made his decision. The whole region in mid-January. process, they argue, has al-Furious American officials ready occu speeded up as said that the £205 million deal much as the law will allow. Until it is completed they could not go ahead without Until it is completed they such an undertaking and that cannot make any further

Until then, they have told the American side, United of what they regarded as Airlines will just have to wait and if Pan Am collapses in the meantime that is an American Now American officials are problem and nothing to do planning to contact President with Britain. Pan Am has been

£6 TV licence fee rise

By JOHN LEWIS

after a review by the consultants Price Waterhouse found that proportionate savings could be made.

THE BBC licence fee is ex- based on the retail price index pected to rise by about £6 a figure used for social security year on April 1. Peter Lloyd, upratings in September when the broadcasting minister, is the increase was 10.9 per cent. asking the BBC to accept an It would mean a rise of about 8 increase of 2 to 3 per cent per cent - £6 on the £71 below the rate of inflation colour licence and about £2 on the £24 black and white fee. The BBC is contesting the

proposal, arguing that its costs traditionally rise more steeply

The calculation would be than the retail price index.

say war is nearer From ROBIN OAKLEY AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON JOHN Major and James Baker, the American Secretary of State, concluded after an bour-long meeting at the state department yesterday that the

Major

and US

probability of armed conflict in the Gulf was rising. British government sources said that Mr Baker had been gloomy about the outlook for talks with Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, and was

clearly not prepared to "run

after" the Iraqis. He and the prime minister took the view that President Saddam Hussein of Iraq was not taking the threat from the West seriously enough, although they reached no conclusions on how to drive home the warning more

Mr Baker told reporters after his meeting with Mr Major that nothing in the behaviour of the Iraqi govern-ment in the aftermath of the United Nations resolutions made him optimistic "that we could succeed in our very strong efforts to achieve a

political, peaceful resolution". The Secretary of State said that both the United Kingdom and the United States would continue with those efforts because they both wanted a peaceful resolution. But Mr Baker emphasised that "no one is willing to negotiate backwards from the UN Security Council resolution. If we were to do that, then we would be repeating the same mis-takes that the world made in the 1930s when we appeared aggression. If we really believe there is an opportunity for a new world order, we really cannot start out by appearing

aggression."
Richard Cheney, the US
defence secretary, told American troops in Saudi Arabia Continued on page 20, col 7

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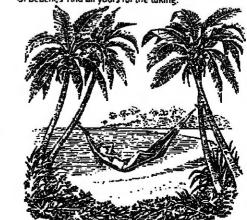
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After 31 years the Mini keeps on growing

By KEVIN EASON MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

THE French adore them and the Japanese simply cannot get enough. Ater 31 years in production, the evergreen Mini has become one of Britain's biggest export earners.

Rover yesterday disclosed that output of the little car is at its highest for five years with 1,000 rolling off the assembly lines at the company's Longbridge plant, in Birmingham

Most of the demand is coming from abroad where the Mini has become a cult car. It is the best-selling imported car in Japan, with more than 10,400 sold there this year, nearly 1,000 more than have been sold in Britain and accounting for more than a third



Mini Cooper, 1990 style

the Mini 1000 to strip the car, repaint it and add extra-wide wheels for a sportier look. Rover sales staff, sensing a trend, pandered to the demand by introducing a new version of the Mini Cooper, the rally car which enjoyed huge success in the 1960s. Now the Cooper accounts for four out of ten of all worldwide sales of Minis and the car is commanding premium back of a cigarette packet. He wanted prices when the rest of the market is having to discount.

The enormous success of the Mini after more than three decades is baffling Rover executives, who were going to axe the model six years ago. But Sir Graham Day decided to keep the car running when he took over as chairman in 1986 because, he said, it was "a nice little earner". How much the Mini is earning has not been revealed by Rover, but export sales could be worth about £180 million.

according to industry estimates. Rover said: "Foreign markets love the Mini. In France, women love the car with special paint jobs as a chic runabout. That is why the Mini Cooper is so popular."

Sir Alec Issigonis reputedly

by four feet by four feet, with 80 per cent of the space given over to the passenger and luggage area, which meant turning the 948cc A-series engine sideways. The Mini was designed in six months and launched under the Austin and Morris badges in 1959, and became part of the Swinging Sixties, driven by stars such as Twiggy and Peter Sellers and starring alongside Michael Caine in The Italian Job.

to design a box on wheels, just 10 feet

Its original design is little changed, although its engine has been cleaned up to meet modern environmental emission laws. More than five million have now been built and the Mini sits alongside the Volkswagen Beetle and Citroen 2CV as one of the most sketched the shape of the car on the readily identified cars in the world.

Sunday shopping laws in disarray as traders plan big open day

By RAY CLANCY

THOUSANDS of shops are expected to open tomorrow in defiance of Sunday trading laws and attempts by local authorities to stop them. Council enforcement officers will, however, be gathering evidence of illegal trading across the country and have said they will prosecute

BHS, the high street chain store, plans to open 100 of its 138 stores. The company placed fullpage advertisements in national newspapers listing branches that will open and offering free fruit punch for late Christmas shoppers. Woolworth, which along with

undertaking to various councils in the High Court earlier this week not to open this Sunday, said it was reviewing the situation in areas where the ban does

Dixons, the electrical equipment chain, also advertised that selected stores would be open. and said it hoped to open more stores than last Sunday.

Other stores such as John Lewis, House of Fraser, Selfridges in London, Marks & Spencer and C&A are firmly opposed to Sunday trading and will not be opening. The Oxford Street Association, which represents stores in London's busiest

against Sunday opening but it admitted that some of its members would be trading.

Thousands of small retailers are expected to open for business on Sunday. Some said Christmas shoppers are spending less money this year and every available hour of trading was needed.

Many councils have sent warning letters to stores which have opened on Sundays and four injunctions were obtained in the High Court on Thursday preventing shops from opening their doors. In Birmingham some large stores have said they will not open in spite of a newspaper poll that showed 68 per cent of favour of Sunday opening. Of the 400 questioned for for The Birmingham Post survey, 72 per cent said the city council should not prosecute offenders.

In Chester shopkeepers from the chamber of trade, who have voted to stay shut on Sunday, are planning to test the law by stealing from shops which open to establish whether it is illegal to take something from a store which is itself breaking the law by trading. Police said the scheme was ill-advised.

In Manchester, the Arndale centre will stay shut tomorrow, but BHS, H Samuel the jewellers and Currys the electrical equip-

shopping area, said its policy is shoppers in the city were in ment store said they planned to open. Blackpool council said it would apply for injunctions to prevent stores opening if they insisted on trading on Sundays and it has sought written undertakings from those who opened last week not to do so again.

Some councils believe individual directors should be held responsible for breaching the shops act. Leeds council said action would be taken against traders who "flagrantly advertised" their intention to break the law and it intended to hold individuals responsible.

Meanwhile the two sides involved in the Sunday trading debate could meet in the new year

would lead to a change in the law. The Keep Sunday Special Campaign has written to the prime minister urging him to make a public statement to encourage councils and retailers to uphold the law. Michael Schluter, the campaign director, said: "We are ready and willing for talks with the government for as long as it takes to produce a solution which is in the best long term interests

of everybody.' The rival Shopping Hours Reform Council plans to contact the Home Office to try to get the two sides together. Andrew Curry, head of research, said: "The first step is that people talk

opportunity to get away from the name-calling and get down to

husiness." The Consumers' Association also called for firm action from the government. Derek Prentice, head of campaigning, said: "Ministers should resist the temptation to try and tidy up an unworkable piece of legislation and local authorities should stop wasting scarce resources on unpopular prosecutions. Everyone agrees that the present law is a mess. It should be scrapped."

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Drink-drive warnings are being heeded, police say

THE government's Christmas warnings not to drink and drive are being heeded and fewer people have been breathalysed positively in the last few weeks than in the same period last year, police forces

said yesterday. Supt Bill McDavid, head of the traffic department at Dumfries and Galloway police, said that while more people were found to be over the limit, there had been a decrease in real terms because the force had been testing more motorists. In the first three weeks of its campaign this year there was a 41 per cent increase in the number of drivers tested positively compared with last year, but the force had increased its tests

by 80 per cent.

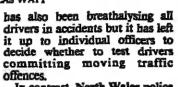
Mr McDavid said that the increased number of tests was nartly due to the growing success of the force's drink-driver disclosure scheme which was launched in 1988. Dumfries and Galloway is the only Scottish force to run such a scheme whereby if somebody suspects another of drinking and driving they can

telephone the police anonymously. The force has increased its patrols and tests drivers first thing in the morning, when they might still have alcohol in their blood from the previous night, after lunchtime parties, and in the evening. Anyone involved in an accident has to take a breath test.

ere, police have be breathalysing everyone involved in accidents and all drivers who commit moving traffic offences, such as speeding, passing through a red light or driving without lights. The force said that it wanted to create a deterrent as people were more careful about drinking and driving if they knew that there was a good chance of being caught. The force was paying more attention to drivers in the morning who were often startled to be tested positively at that time and did not know that the body lost only one unit of alcohol per hour after drinking.

There has been an appreciable reduction in real terms in the number of people that have failed the breath test in Wiltshire this year compared with last year, Sergeant Hunt, the force's accident prevention officer, said. Twenty people failed the test last year in the first five days of the campaign, and 32 failed in the same period this year. However, with the increased number of breath tests these figures were 8.5 per cent last year and 6.3 per cent this year. He said the decline was due to people becoming more concerned about the anti-social

nature of drink-driving.
The West Midlands force has also been breathalysing all drivers involved in accidents and those who commit moving traffic offences. In the first two days of the test period up to yesterday morning 39 drivers had failed the test, compared with 29 in the same period last year. There have, however, been twice as many tests



In contrast, North Wales police says that it has not been running a Christmas campaign against drink-driving as it has been vigilant all year. The force would, however, be collecting figures from December 19 to January 2 in line with Association of Chief Police Officers guidelines.

The Metropolitan Police has been increasing the activities of its regular patrols. The force said that itbreathalysed everyone involved in accidents, but when drivers broke traffic regulations officers would test them for alcohol only if they suspected that the driver had been drinking.

It was too early to compare this year with last year but the force said that of 5,496 tests made 423 drivers had failed or refused to



Beware dangers in low-alcohol myths

about the amount of alcohol in drinks and about how much their body can withstand (Nicholas Watt writes).

Some beers marketed for their low levels of alcohol contain above average volumes, according to Dr John Rae, former idmaster of Westminster School and director of the Portman Group, which promotes sensible drinking.

He said that Miller Lite had a volume of 4.1 per cent which was more than four times as much as the Cariton low-alcohol brand. Miller Lite's volume was also a percentage point above the average beer strength of 3 per cent.

However, Dr Rac did not accept Tesco's new policy of



Rae: "Great ignorance

ANYONE contemplating drink- printing the amount of alcohol ing and driving this Christmas units per glass on its own brands should watch out for the myths of drinks. He said there was a great deal of ignorance about units and he called on the drinks industry, which funds the Portman Group, to mark the levels of alcohol in grammes on bottles and cans.

> However, Simon Sandberg, alcohol research officer for the Health Education Authority, welcomed the Tesco initiative as model for other stores. An average lager, such as Heineken, contained 1.5 units in a 440ml can while the same-size Carlsberg Special had four units.

A recent survey for the authority found that while most people knew about alcohol units few had any idea of how many units were contained in particu-

However, drinkers can gain solace from an analytical chemist specialising in drink driving who has disputed claims that low-alcohol drinks can take drivers over the limit. Ronald Denney, of London's Thames Polytechnic, said that people drinking low alcohol beers at normal rates would produce virtually no build-up of blood

"It is not possible for a person to exceed the legal limit from drinking low-alcohol beers alone. Even after a full strength alcoholic drink, the increase in blood alcohol will be so insignificant as to be irrelevant," he said. The health department said

last night it had never heard of

Post baste: Sir Bryan Nicholson, chairman of the Post Office, surrounded yesterday by the mass of Christmas mail still to be delivered. He said that a record number had been sent this year despite signs of recession (Willism Cash writes).

"Posting Christmes cards seems to be the one area the Christmas Eve we will have handled 1.5 billion items of festive mail in 24 days, beating last year's record by 40 million ns," he said during a visit to the Mount Pleasant sorting office in central London.

The avalanche of cards reached a record peak on Mon-day, when 119 million cards were posted. That is more than double the number handled on a normal day and beats last year's record of 115 million. The mail has been swollen by expensive cards in place of presents and by the demand for electricity shares.

He said that the Christman operation this year had run smoothly, and praised postme and women who had worked through the worst weather for ten years. The cascade of mail included a new record-sized sack of 750,000 cards addressed to Santa Claus in Reindeerlan better known as a Royal Mail

One letter this year has started a national appeal. A small girl, Germa, sent Santa a present of a hallmarked silver ring in a unfranked standard envelope, with no home address, marked: "Father Christmas, North Pole. or wherever you are".

Sir Bryan has had the ring valued, and yesterday launched

an appeal to find Gemma. "We are concerned that the gift may be someone's treasured wedding ring - we are appealing for anyone who may know Gemma to come forward". Anyone who thinks they do is asked to call 031-556 8661 with her surname.

Suicide fears speed up removal of young prisoners from jail

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

plans to remove young uncon-victed prisoners from the adult jails of Hull and Armley, Leeds, where eight inmates aged under 21 have committed suicide since 1980, it was disclosed yesterday.

Under its original scheme, which involved the conversion of Thorp Arch prison near Wetherby, West Yorkshire, into a young offenders' institution, Hull and Armley would continue to have held young remand inmates for the next two years.

Faced by fierce new criticism of jail conditions, the Home Office has now decided to use the newlybuilt Moorland jail in Doncaster, South Yorkshire, as the main holding centre for young people remanded by courts in Yorkshire and Humberside. The Home Office said yesterday that it hoped Moorland would begin taking

prisoners in August. .
Part of the explanation for the changed plan is the scathing criticism Armley jail received last month in a report by the Prisons Inspectorate. It urged the Home Office to bar young people from

THE government has speeded up being remanded to the overcrowded Victorian jail, and said the regime for prisoners aged under 21 was wholly

unacceptable. As the inmates were locked up in cells for more than 20 hours a day it was easy to see how some became dangerously disturbed, the report said. Inspectors have been equally critical of the regime for young offenders at Hull jail.
The National Association for

the Care and Resettlement of Offenders warmly welcomed the move, saying the conditions in which young people were held at Hull and Armley were a disgrace to a "supposedly civilised country'

Paul Cavadino, the association's senior press officer, said: "For years, teenagers at both prisons have been confined for long hours every day in overcrowded, insanitary cells with very restricted regimes." The association, however, believes the Home Office should not be deflected from attempting to in-crease the proportion of young defendants who receive bail,

IRA gang is found guilty of bomb plot

convicted in Belfast yesterday of conspiring to murder soldiers with a radio-controlled culvert bomb wo years ago.

Michael Magee, aged 26, of Antrim, Henry McNally, aged 46, and John O'Hagan, aged 37, of Dungannon, and Peter Bateson, aged 35, of Magherafelt, were found guilty of possessing a 93lb Semtex bomb and of conspiracy to murder. They will be sentenced next month

The bomb was found in the culvert of a road leading on to an estate in Antrim where soldiers and their families live in defence ministry married quarters. The court was told that it was intended the bomb should be detonated by a radio command on a day when a bus carrying soldiers was to use the road. Lord Justice Murray said that had that occurred, there was no doubt that all those aboard would have been killed or seriously injured. He was satisfied that the four were participating members of the bombing team.

In Co Fermanagh meanwhile a milk float thought to contain a bomb continued to block a permanent cross-border vehicle checkpoint at Kilturk yesterday. The vehicle was left there on Thursday morning by a milkman whose

FOUR members of the IRA were armed and masked men and was being held hostage while the milkman drove the vehicle, with a suspect package aboard, to the checkpoint in the latest "human bomb" attack. British and Irish security forces had the area around Kilturk sealed off on both sides of the border last night while an army bomb disposal team stood by.

 Belgian judges yesterday turned down an attempt to free on a legal technicality three suspected terrorists arrested earlier this month. Defence lawyers now plan to go to the Belgian supreme court in

Brussels (Stewart Tendler writea). Gerry Roche, aged 41. Ciaran McCarthy, aged 30, and John Daly, aged 26, are charged with criminal association and the illegal possession of weapons. They were arrested in a flat in Antwerp with guns and ammunition and are being held on remand for 30

Appeal court judges, meeting in Antwerp jail where the three are held in solitary confinement, accepted that there were delays in allowing the men to see documents in the case but decided that the matter was being rectified and there was no need to release them, Paul Quirynen, the men's lawyer, said that he would now appeal to the Supreme Court in Brussels.

BBC asked to explain man of year decision

By JAMIE DETTMER AND CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

esterday from politicians and British Hindus to explain more fully its reasons for depriving the Indian political leader Lal Krishan Advani of the Radio 4 Man of the

Year award. While some Indian community leaders in Britain accused the BBC of racial discrimination, hardline Hindus in Delhi said they would be deeply upset if Mr Advani were denied the accolade.

Mr Advani, leader of the chauvinist Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party, yesterday rejected the suggestion that his British supporters could have orchestrated listeners' votes in this year's competition, the reason the BBC gave for denying him the award, He said he had no idea what had happened. "If this vote was orchestrated, then by whom?" he

As The Times disclosed yes-terday, Mr Advani received the majority of votes from listeners in this year's competition, which was organised by the Today current affairs programme.

Senior editors on the programme took the decison to discount all the votes for Mr Advani after they began to suspect that they were the result of an orchestrated campaign. A significant number of votes had been enclosed in envelopes of the same type and make and posted in Bradford and Birmingham.

A BBC spokeswoman yesterday said that she was dismayed at the reaction to the editors' decision.
"The competition is just supposed to be a bit of end of year fun for our listeners. An orchestrated voting campaign is not in that

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Welsh Ford plant's award

The Ford motor company has decided to make its top award for excellence and quality to one of its British plants which, according to union officials, was "punished" earlier this year by the cancellation of a £225 million investment plan which would have made Britain its key European production centre (Tim Jones writes).

Instead of putting the money into its plant at Bridgend, South Wales, the company decided to divert the investment to Germany. The move, announced in April, was acknowledged to be a rap over the knuckles for strikes earlier in the year which cost the

company £10 million a day.

Bridgend is the first of the company's four engine plants in Europe to be selected to receive

OC for enquiry

Hugh Carlisle, QC, was yesterday appointed to investigate whether West Midlands police deliberately suppressed an internal report of the accidental fatal shooting by police of 16-year-old Gail Kinchin ten years ago. Mr Justice Hodgson called for the enquiry at the High Court in Birmingham three weeks ago when he said it was deplorable that the report into the shooting during a siege had remained secret since 1980.

inmates go home

Almost a quarter of Northern Ireland's prison population left prison yesterday for one week's Christmas leave. Among the 430 long-term prisoners going home were 144 serving life sentences. Christmas leave dates from before the outbreak of the present tropbles just over 20 years ago and was a pioneering scheme in the British penal system. Those on leave include members of the loyalist murder gang of the 1970s known as the Shankhill butchers.

Taylor challenge

Tory rebels yesterday claimed to have raised 50 signatures needed to challenge the adoption of the black barrister John Taylor 36 Cheltenham's prospective par-liamentary candidate. Under party rules the names of 50 members are required to convene a special general meeting. The rebels' leader, Bob Williams, said. "We are not objecting to a black candidate being selected but we

Office partygoers left to pick up the bill good bash here in Sheffield for £50 bonuses. Another reason for the Inland Revenue's revision last THE compliments of the season decline of the traditional junket on year of allowances for parties a head, but the same is probably not true in London."

are visibly less lavish this year as far as employers' largesse to staff is concerned.

Where once the office Christmas party was on the firm, with partners invited, the trend now is for guests to pay the full cost, or part of it, or for companies to reduce costs by leaving out spouses. Bonuses or presents of hampers, wine or a turkey have become rare as available funds go on seasonal goodwill to the customer rather than to the staff.

The blame is put variously on the economic climate, interest rates, the taxman, or a widely held belief that such extravagance might appear indulgent in times of relative economic hardship.

However, the Industrial Relations Services, which has monitored changes in employers' generosity to employees in the season of goodwill, put some of it down to a change in business philosophy. Christmas gratuities the company is the growth of the "nanny approach", with employers expressing worries about overindulgence and in particular drinking and driving.

Staff at the London head-quarters of Unilever receive no gifts and celebrations are subsidised department by department, with the staff paying the balance. A spokesman described them as modest affairs but said that the pattern had been established for some years. London Underground has a

similar policy. A spokesman said: We are in straitened circumstances with our overspend, so cannot afford it. It's a question of people chipping in rather than being treated, but I should hasten to add we still have a good time." British Telecom subsidises the

Christmas lunch in the office

restaurant, but departmental par-

ties are organised and paid for by

those among the 240,000 employ-

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raised the sum a company could spend on the employee - without it being taxed as a benefit - from £30 to £50.

If that limit is exceeded, the full cost is regarded as the employee's taxable income, which is why some companies charge a certain price for tickets if they wish to spend more, thereby saving their staff from the tax.

Gifts of hampers and other seasonal fare are also taxable for people earning more than £8,500 a year, and store vouchers are treated in the same way as cash by the taxman, regardless of annual Graham Ward-Thompson, a tax partner with Coopers Deloitte.

said: "There are always calls to

increase the amount that an

employer may spend on his

employees without the staff hav-

ing to pay tax on it, but it is a concession by the Inland Rev-

enue. One problem is the regional

BZW each department is given a limit on what it may spend, with staff paying for any extra cost.

As if the question of cost was not enough to dampen the festive spirit, consumer watchdogs have given a warning that the alcohol in many Christmas puddings could

In the City, where annual

parties have been reputed to be

lavish in the past, there appears to

be some restraint this year. At

drinker over the drink-drive limit. Glamorgan's consumer protection department, which had been checking the labelling of puddings, found substantial amounts of alcohol in some. John Richmond, the department's head, said: "It would be quite possible to consume a considerable amount of alcohol without even realising."

be enough to push a careful

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Journalist hails verdict in Sutcliffe's 'one court action too many'

Ripper's wife loses libel case and faces costs of £300,000

By ROBIN YOUNG

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SONIA Sutcliffe, wife of the Yorkshire Ripper, yesterday lost her claim for libel damages against the News of the World and with it probably all the money she got in a series of breach of copyright and libel actions brought against newspapers and magazines in

The costs awarded against Mrs Sutcliffe in the 15-day hearing which ended yesterday with a unanimous verdict against ber are expected to total £300,000. Mrs Sutcliffe had previously won a total of £334,000 damages, but during the trial her solicitor, Eileen Pembridge, told the court that only about £230,000 remained after meeting previous legal

George Carman, QC, for the women and three men re-News of the World, sought and obtained from Mr Justice brought the action over a Drake an order that £150,000 of the money should not be moved from accounts with the Newcastle Building Society and the National Westminster Bank without seven days' notice to the paper's solicitors. Mr Carman said the newspaper was concerned lest the money should be dissipated or moved abroad.

During the trial Mr Carman had claimed that Mrs Sutcliffe had committed perjury during her previous libel action against the magazine Private Eye, in which she was initially awarded £600,000 damages last year, later reduced to $\pm 60,000$ by the Court of

for Private Eye, said last night that the magazine now intended to pursue the "criminal aspects" of the case with the Director of Public Prosecutions and would con-



Miss Jones: "Mrs Sutcliffe

sider a civil action against Mrs Sutcliffe trying to recover

Mrs Sutcliffe, a former school teacher, showed no emotion as the jury of nine brought the action over a front-page report headlined: "Sonia loves a Ripper dou-ble". The article claimed that Mrs Sutcliffe had a "pas-sionate affair" and "sexy fling" with George Papoutsis, a Greek company director.

Mr Papoutsis was described as "the spitting image" of Mrs Sutcliffe's husband, Peter, who was convicted of the murders of 13 women and sentenced to life imprison-ment in 1981. The article quoted Mr Papoutsis as saying: "I feel sick. I've been kissing and caressing the wife of a monster."

Mrs Sutcliffe had claimed that the article libelled her by alleging that she deceived Mr Paul Halloran, a spokesman Papoutsis by not telling him who her husband was, and by suggesting that she stole money by leaving him to pay two hotel bills in Greece on her behalf. The jury was out for six hours before returning

had been rocking tensely in her seat while waiting for the jurors to return, stared straight ahead as the verdict was delivered. Beside her, her mother, Maria Szurma, who had given evidence in the trial, looked grim. Representatives of the News

of the World on the other side of the court room were elated and smiling. They had bought Mrs Sutcliffe a one-way train ticket to Bradford, the value of which, Mr Carman had suggested to the jury, was the highest amount of damages she might deserve. In the event none of them was able to reach Mrs Sutcliffe before she left the court room and strode down a corridor to a

private consulting room.

Mrs Sutcliffe later emerged with her solicitor, walking quickly and dismissing reporters' attempts to question her with a flick of her hand.

Tom Crone, the News of the World's legal manager, said afterwards: "The jury's verdict is a great victory, not only for the News of the World but also for fairness and common sense." He said that the paper had paid £50,000 into court in offer of settlement of Mrs Sutcliffe's complaint. He described her refusal to accept that sum as plain greed.

Barbara Jones, chief re-porter of The Mail on Sunday, who had been named as a third party in the action by the News of the World, smiled with relief and shook the hand of a friend sitting next to her on the front beach immediately beneath the jury box.

Mrs Sutcliffe had been in the witness box for six days during the trial. She had denied having an affair with Mr Papoutsis during a trip she made to Greece in May 1988 in company with Miss Jones.
The jury had heard that the
News of the World had paid an
agency called Rex Features
£25,000 for its report of the holiday romance and an inter-

view with Mr Papoutsis; £23,500 was paid by Rex Features to Barbara Jones, who said that she paid £10,000 to Mr Papoutsis and took the rest on behalf of a freelance photographer, Ian Parry, since killed in an air crash. Barbara Jones, who represented herself in the trial, said of Mrs Sutcliffe afterwards:

"She has been totally defeated.

action too many for her." During the trial, Mr Carman claimed Mrs Sutcliffe had committed perjury during the trial and in her 1989 libel action against Private Eye. He

Sutcliffe had said that an until after the Private Eye romantic attraction for Mr agreement for the loan of hearing had finished, and said money she needed to save her she regarded the receipt she signed herself as "a piece of article and concerned that it nonsense" to satisfy Miss Jones's bank manage

her counsel, Geoffrey Shaw, ing to protect Miss Jones.

herself as "an emotional cripple" denied having felt any Papoutsis. She said she had been "mortified" to read the would upset her husband, whom she still visits in

Mr Papoutsis did not appear in court during the trial, though he too had been cited by the News of the World as a third party in the action. Eye trial as "truthful, not In a written statement read to the court he claimed he and Mrs Sutcliffe had been immediately attracted to each Mrs Sutcliffe, describing other, and had enjoyed "an obviously

Dorset heath ruling dismays conservationists

By MICHAEL McCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

valuable wildlife sites was exposed yesterday when a challenge in the High Court failed to stop building development on a Dorset heathland that is home to some of the country's rarest animals

and birds.
The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWFN) and the British Herpetological Society failed to block Poole borough council's plan to build up to 200 houses on Canford Heath. The land is home to sand lizards and smooth snakes, Britain's rarest reptiles, and to nightjars and Dartford war-blers, which are among Britain's rarest breeding birds. The heath is designated a

Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) by the Nature Conservancy Council under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981. However, as yesterday's decision made clear, although SSSI designation is meant to be the principal legal tool for protecting important habitats, it is overridden by the planning process, and will not prevent authority gives permission, no

matter how important the

land is to local wildlife. Mr Justice Schiemann. declining to quash the planning permission granted by Poole council, said that the council had grappled with the rival demands of conservation issues and the pressing need for housing in the area, and the balance it had struck was lawful. A council spokesman said afterwards: "The decision means we can press ahead with plans to build the

houses. Environmental groups saw the ruling as a dismal precedent and symbolic of the struggle between development and conservation in southern England, The Poole-Bournemouth area is one of the fastest-growing conurbations in Europe, and the lowland beath, with its rare flora and fauna, is one of the most fragile and endangered habitats in the country. The Dorset beathland has shrunk dramatically, and in the last 200 years more than 80 per cent of the original area has been lost; there are now just over 809 acres left, compared with 1052

in 1978. Yesterday the WWFN and the Royal Society for Nature Conservation called for changes in the law to give wildlife sites real protection, while the conservancy council said it would suggest addi-

THE weakness of the legal tional protective measures in protection for Britain's most the planning bill that has been laid before parliament.

> Chris Tydeman, senior conservation officer for the WWFN said of vesterday's decision: "This was an important test case which has established, regrettably, that the law is totally inadequate to protect important wildlife sites and to meet Britain's international conservation obligations. It's little short of a builders' charter. Other Sites of Special Scientific Interest will be in jeopardy because local authorities are bound to feel less constrained about building on them."

THE SUNDAY TIMES The best possible taste?

"The group photo call did not disappoint. As the host of the Most Elegant People awards called Latoya Jackson to perch on his knee in the foreground, frost began to form over the magnificent shoulders of Gina Lollobrigida at this blatant

upstaging. With consummate skill, she seized a Jackson forearm and leaned forward to engage her in mock conversation. Nothing personal, her

smile said. It was just business." Stuart Wavell, at a stylish Paris event, in The Sunday Times tomorrow.

All fall down

"If it's a funny old world for Mrs Thatcher, it's been a funny old year for the rest of us. Spectacular falls went band in hand with fantastic folly." In a special issue tomorrow, the Magazine looks at the year's losers and those who

made us smile.

The earlier awards

MRS Sutcliffe has obtained £334,000 damages from the press in actions for libel and breach of copyright, the court had been told. The money had averaged £50,000 a year tax-free, farin excess of the average industrial wage let alone what a Bradford schoolteacher is paid", Mr Carman said. The awards were £5,000 from the Bradford oh *and Argus* in June 1983; £25,000 from the Yorkshire Post in November 1988; another £7,500 from the same paper the following May, £100,000 and £60.000 from Private Eye in October 1989: £35,000 from the Daily Star in November and

December 1989; £75,000 from the Daily Express in the same months, and £26,500 from News Group Newspapers in September

The £60,000 from Private Eye was reached by agreement after the magazine's appealed against a jury's award of £600,000. All the other sums had been agreed in settlement of actions

Sonia Sutcliffe told the court that the only amount she had taken from the accounts into which the damages were paid was to buy a domestic burglar alarm before coming to London for the trial.



felt any romantic attraction for George Papoutsis, a Greek company director

family house was not recorded in writing but only by word of

Mrs Sutcliffe had claimed that the money was a personal loan from a friend whom she refused to name. In fact the money had been advanced by Miss Jones, who said that it was payment for Mrs Sutcliffe's co-operation in writing

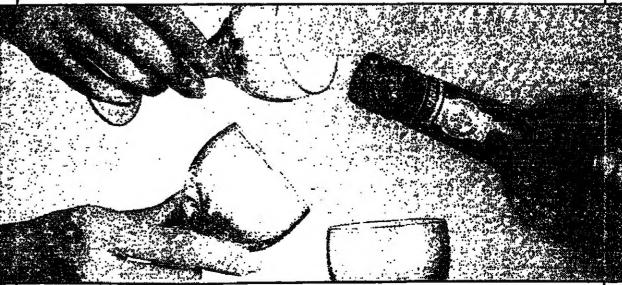
Receipts for £15,000 and £10,000 signed by Mrs Szurma and Mrs Sutcliffe respectively had been produced by Miss Jones. Mr Carman said they only came to light by "purest chance" because the News of the World had joined Miss Jones as a party to the action after discovering that she had

been paid by Rex Features. Mrs Sutcliffe claimed during the News of the World trial described as "perjury loud and ing the News of the World trial clear" an answer in the Private that she never knew of the Eye trial in which Mrs receipt signed by her mother

On Mrs Sutcliffe's behalf Broadmoor. argued that a written receipt was not the same as a recorded agreement. He described Mrs Sutcliffe's reply in the Private frank", and claimed that Mrs Sutcliffe had only been seek-

Men used to ask the ladies to leave when Croft Port appeared.

Today they wouldn't have the bottle.



In a less emancipated age, the end of dinner was reserved for "man's talk." As was Crost Port. Today, however, when the Late Bottled Vintage or our 10 and 20 Year Old Tawnies come out, the ladies stay put. And the gentlemen find that when it comes to Croft Port, liberation can be a struggle.

Academics remember **Oakeshott**

POLITICIANS and academics yesterday paid tribute to Michael Oakeshott, the leading conservative philosopher of the century, who died on Tuesday, a week after his 89th birthday (John O'Leary

Although he shunned party politics, his writings over more than 40 years formed the philosophical basis for much of the "new conservatism". Academics of all political persuasions acknowledge his greatness.

Professor Kenneth Minogue, an Oakeshort appointee at the London School of Economics, said: "He was undoubtedly the most intellectual conservative philosopher who has ever existed, and much the most philosophical exponent of conservatism since Burke."

Throughout a career that also took in Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and Nuffield College, Oxford, he insisted that he owed allegiance to no party and had no message to convey. He was, however, a strong advocate of personal responsibility and

Lord Beloff said: "He has been very influential, in a sense an unrecognised influence. It was not the same contribution as Hayek, for example, because he was not so concerned with what should be done, more with the way people behave. There is no Oakeshottian doctrine but an Oakeshottian way of doing

"Many people think it quite extraordinary that he received no public recognition for his tremendous contribution to

intellectual life." While his health had weakened of late, his last book, The Voice of Liberal Learning, was published only last year.

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people and, they left."

Boy is awarded £1.198m over hospital blunder

severe brain damage at birth because of a hospital blunder won record damages of £1,198,110 in the High Court

The boy's "marvellously defined and partence over the hast six years when her life had been dominated day and night by her son, the judge said.

The boy's parents were in London yesterday.

Hugo Cassel, of Kirby Underdale, Humberside, suffered the brain damage as a result of lack of oxygen at birth at the West London hospital, in September 1982. He was born by forceps delivery and no heart beat was detected for more than a minute. Twelve hours later be suffered a convulsion.

The court had been told that Hugo, who had his name down for Eton and was destined for a successful life, will always be locked in the world of a child and will be totally dependent on others. Mr Justice Rose said most

A BOY of eight who suffered of the burden of caring for and patience" over the last six

voted" mother had been "totally unstinting in her time



Mr Justice Rose: beavy bar-

First claim settled in

Marchioness tragedy

Thames in August 1989 was reported to have been reached yesterday with payment of damages to the mother of a French chef who died while working on the boat, judicial

sources said. Philip Jenkinson, a British barrister practising in France, and Graham Platt, an English solicitor also based here, said that the claim was by Renée Hallez, the mother of the 39year-old chef from Lille. They had "successfully negotiated terms to conclude his bereaved mother's claim for

damages". Mr Jenkinson added: "I ding article, page 9
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at this particular time of solicitors and their clients who also suffered brain dam-

From JOHN PHILLIPS IN PARIS THE first settlement of a compensation agreed followclaim arising out of the Mar- ing discussions with solicitors chioness disaster on the acting for owners of the Bowbelle, which collided with the Marchioness, was not disclosed, but it was described by Mr Jenkinson as "satisfactory to a large degree" to Mme Hallez.

Patrick Allen, speaking on behalf of the steering committee of solicitors representing the London-based families of victims, said yesterday that he expected more claims to be settled in the new year. "I was not aware that a claim had been settled but the majority of cases have been thoroughly documented and claims have been presented to the defendants," he said. "I know that know that this settlement will offers have been made and it is give hope to the other families now up to the individual to Nicholas Almond, aged 10,

"determined that he will remain integrated into the family as much as possible" and he lives at home and goes to a special school from 8.30am to 3.30pm. He was hyperactive and behaved like a child aged two, the judge added.

He said that at night the boy jumped up and down on his bed, threw his toys around the room and "wanders up and down stairs throughout the night". Hugo would probably never progress beyond the mental age of four or five

years.
"He will never live independently, marry or work," the judge said. His speech and sight were gravely impaired and he had a serious language He said Hugo had been

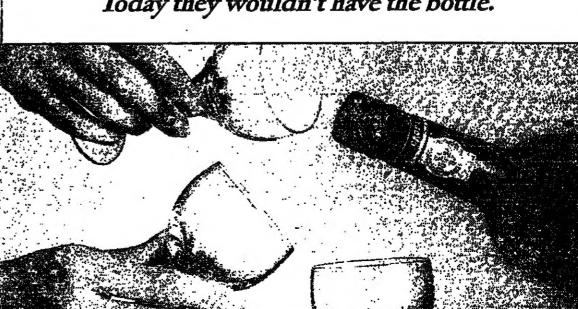
born into a caring, close knit. happy family, who were "well-to-do financially". The family had a great legal background: an uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather all became

The judge said that the boy would have been soundly educated and would have made his way successfully.

The judge allowed part of the award for a "suitably modest" private swimming pool to be built for Hugo, "not merely for therapy, but because swimming is his principal form of relaxation and pleasure, and it is one thing he can do himself". The damages and costs of

the court hearing are to be paid by the Riverside Health Authority, which admitted that it was 90 per cent to The previous record award

for medical negligence was £1,156,348 in April this year



Package holiday

firms quell fears

of big price rises

Ending of student architect grants illegal, court rules

years of their course was declared illegal yesterday in awarded against the education tions.

Last August, John MacGregor, then education secretary, withdrew grants from students on the second part of university, polytechnic and college courses in architecture on legal advice. Although the grants had been paid since 1962, the department's lawyers considered that the award of a bachelor's degree after three years put subsequent study outside mandatory

regulations.

Mr MacGregor told the
Royal Institute of British Architects, which brought the action, that there was no legal means open to him to retain grants for the final two years required for full qualification. A civil servant added: "We are dealing here not with discretion but with the inevitable consequences of a legal

A bursary scheme was announced in October to compensate the students affected, but some have still not received any money. They are also barred from applications for student loans, which are available only for courses attracting mandatory grants.

After a two-day hearing, Mr Justice Schiemann ruled that the withdrawal of the grants

A GOVERNMENT decision had been unlawful because the department's request not to to withdraw grants from stu- full five-year course condent architects in the last two stituted a first degree. Mr MacGregor had misconstrued what parliament had intended the High Court. Costs were in framing the awards regula

> The judge said: "The secretary of state carried out his evaluation, if indeed he did ever carry out an evaluation, under a mistaken view of the law." The interpretation used for 28 years, that the two parts counted as a first degree, had

He said that his decision was "at first blush slightly surprising", and he was making no comment on whether the courses should continue to attract grants. It is open to Kenneth Clarke, as education secretary, to decide which courses should be designated. For administrative conve-



Constitutional Convention

outlined its future campaign

for a devolved parliament,

said a debate would also force

the Tories to explain to the

country why they were against

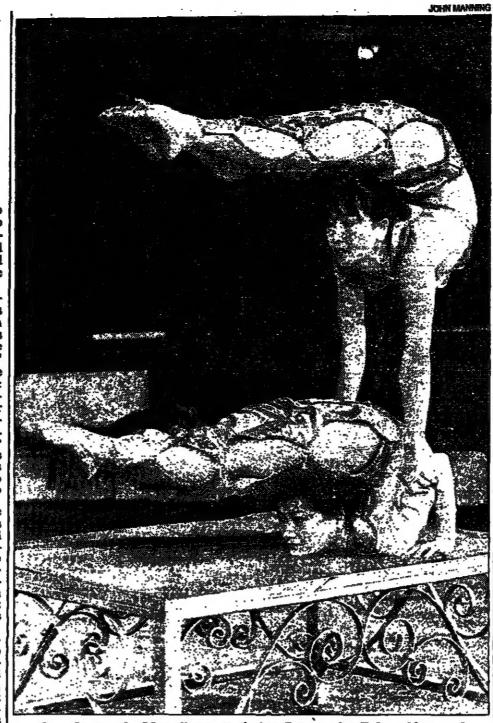
quash the order but simply to declare it unlawful. A spokesman for the department said study the judgment before

Bill Rodgers, director general of RIBA, said: "This has been a famous victory. I am sure the secretary of state has to accept it and restore the grants as quickly as possible." Maxwell Hutchinson, the

stitute's president, said: "This judgment exposes government's proposals for changes in architectural education as the shoddy costcutting exercises they are." The education department is conducting a review of courses in architecture with a view to reducing public funding to four years. In his judgment, Mr Justice

Schiemann compared courses in architecture to medical degrees at Oxford and Cambridge, both of which also carry intermediate qualifications. The departmental review has been seen as a potential test for a later assault on other professional courses of more than four years.

The department has in-sisted that there was no connection between the withdrawal of students' grants and the wider review. Ministers, however, are likely to wait until they have made a decision on the length of courses before committing themselves on the future structure of



Over the top: the Mongolian contortionists Jamyanguine Erdenetchimeg and Baltavyn Eakhtsetseg, loosening up at the Austen Brothers' circus, which starts its Christmas season at Battersen Park hippodrome, southwest London, tonight

Call for full details on Scottish senate plans

By KERRY GILL

THE Conservative party was asked yesterday to give a full explanation of its plans for an elected Scottish senate at a session of the Scottish grand committee in Edinburgh early in the new year.

Government ministers and senior Conservatives are studying the feasibility of a Scottish senate which would oversee the Scottish Office eration of the senate proposal, and could undertake some duties presently controlled by regional councils. The nine regional authorities would be gional authorities. scrapped leaving one tier of

Donald Dewar, Labour's in Glasgow as the Scottish of a change," he added.

'Golden boy' John Moore to quit

JOHN MOORE has become Sir George Younger. By from the cabinet by Mrs Robin Maxwell-Hyslop

mons. He has told his constituency party that he will retire at the end of this parliament.

the convention's own The former golden boy of Mr Dewar said that Ian a likely successor to Margaret Lang, the Scottish secretary, Thatcher, will not fight Croyappeared to back consid don central at the next general election but will concentrate which would involve the elecon a new business career. tion of two members from

each of Scotland's nine re-Mrs Thatcher's cabinet to ing Mrs Thatcher's downfall. announce this year that they "We are giving him the opportunity to come off the fence and make it clear

Like all small children

she wants lots of things for Christmas.

the sixth MP who has served convention they can expect in a Thatcher cabinet since the life peerages in the next par-last election to announce his liament. Sir George will sucretirement from the Com- ceed to an hereditary title after the death of his father.

In contrast Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe, both older than the retiring cabinet politics, once marked down as ministers, have not disclosed whether they will fight the next general election. Edward Heath, aged 74, has said he plans to stay on, though colleagues predict he may Other former members of change his mind after witness-

Mr Moore, who is 53, was will stand down at the next secretary of state in the transelection are Nigel Lawson, port, health and social services Walker, Cecil Parkinson and ments before being dropped

Thatcher last year. He leaves a Tory majority of 12,617 at Croydon Central. He said yesterday: "I feel

especially lucky to have had the chance to serve ten years as a Government minister. However, now I am no longer a minister, my business interests have begun to expand and after the next election the travel involved to north America and the Far East as well as Europe will be more than would be compatible with my duties as an MP."

In common with Cecil Parkinson, Nicholas Ridley and Nigel Lawson, Mr Moore former prime ininister's free Latham (Rutland and Melmarket and monetarist creed. Within a year of entering the Commons in 1974 he took on the vice-chairmanship of the party with responsibility for youth. In 1979 he started up the ministerial ladder as a junior energy minister, fol-lowed by three years at the Treasury as economic and then financial secretary.

He entered the cabinet in 1986 as transport secretary, taking charge of the health and social services department after the 1987 general election. But ill health and hostility from some Tory backbenchers at his swift promotion fatally

damaged his rise.

A total of 36 out of the 372
Tory MPs have now announced their retirement at the end of this parliament. Many are long-serving MPs who have reached their 60s or 70s. The elder statesmen include Sir John Stokes

(Tiverton), Sir William Clark (Croydon South), Sir Paul Dean (Woodspring), the dep-uty speaker, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg (Hampstead and Highgate), Sir Charles Irving (Cheltenham), Sir Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds), Sir Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury), Sir Anthony Meyer (Clwyd North West), Sir David Price (Eastleigh), Timothy Raison (Aylesbury), Sir Julian Ridsdale (Harwich)

Sir Michael Shaw (Scarborough), Sir John Stradling-Thomas (Monmouth) and Norman Miscampbell (Blackpool North). ologically in tune with the standing down: Michael

ton), Christopher Hawkins (High Peak), David Mudd (Falmouth), Peter Rost (Erewash) and William Benyon (Milton Keynes). John Browne, the Winchester MP, was deselected after his short suspension from the Commons for failing to declare business interests.



Tories defeated in Eastbourne again

By Douglas Broom, local government correspondent THE Conservatives have suf- the former leader of the

in Eastbourne, formerly a group. after the Liberal Democrats still a strong protest vote beat the man they had nomi-about the poll tax and highnated to succeed Ian Gow as interest rates but you must

Early yesterday the Liberal Democrats robbed the Tories of an overall majority on the borough council in a munici-

servative rival Albert Penhaliof only 27.8 per cent. Both parties now have 14 seats on the council, with the remain- the Liberal Democrats for ing two wards held by an independent and a Labour councillor. The mayor is a Conservative and the Tories Tory changes to the scheme could try to govern using his

Dennis Cullen, the Conservative leader on the council and a retired bank manager, said last night that talks would be held between the parties to work out a way of running the borough until the municipal elections in May. He blamed the same "protest vote" that defeated Richard Hickmet, the Tory candidate in the parliamentary by-election. He was beaten by David Bellotti, tide has turned in our favour."

Mr Cullen said: "There is remember that this was a very low turn-out."

Eastbourne borough council, which was controlled by the Liberals between 1973 and pal by-election caused by the death of the sitting councillor.

Ronald Parsons won the Ocklynge ward for the Liberal this year at £385. The tax is Democrats; beating his Con- expected to rise significantly in April, boosted by an extra gon by 77 votes in a turn-out £21 a head to cover the cost of a leisure complex.

The Conservatives blame setting up a complex deal to finance the Sovereign Centre, but the Democrats say that since 1988 are responsible for the increased cost.

mary school deputy head-master who leads of the Liberal Democrats on the council, said: "The signifi-cance of this victory lies in the fact that this ward has been held by the Tories ever since it was created. No-one has ever believed that the Tories could be beaten in this seat. This result demonstrates that the

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT THE expected increases in the remained at last July's levels, cost of package holidays next while some have dropped in price because tour operators summer have failed to mathave renegotiated contracts erialise, in spite of the continwith hotels. The biggest baruing high price of aviation gains will be found by shopping around at travel agents, Britain's two leading tour operators, Thomson and Intawith companies including Thomas Cook and Lunn Poly sun, yesterday produced their about to announce massive updated brochures for 1991. post-Christmas "sales".

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Tour operators are prepar ation of their no-surcharge policy while holding any in-crease in the cost of an ing for the traditional post-Christmas rush and millions individual holiday to between of pounds are being spent on television and newspaper advertisements. While most Slight price rises being imtour operators aim to fill at least half their summer holiby tour operators are likely, however, to be wiped day bookings by the end of fighting for a larger market January, the past few years share. Some holidays will be have seen an increase in customers leaving bookings on sale in travel agents immediately after Christmas until the last minute.

The trend this year, howat discounts of about 10 per ever, seems to be moving back towards early bookings. Most cent as the price war switches Tour operators had warned tour operators are reporting an holidaymakers to book early expanding market, in spite of to avoid price increases but deepening economic gloom. they are now urging travellers Intasun said that winter

to make bookings as soon as possible after Christmas, sayholiday sales during the past month were 35 per cent higher than at the same time last year ing that some holidays could while summer bookings were up by 25 per cent. Thomson, which expects to send more director of Intasun, said: Another holiday shortage is a than three million people on certainty with the number of holiday next year, also reholidays on sale pegged at the same level as last year, compared with last year. Holidaymakers who leave With the supply of holidays

now much nearer the likely demand, following a reduction in numbers after last Any increases that have year's slump, tour operators are again expecting healthy days to parts of Spain and profits.

Thomson says that the biggest increase in bookings has been concentrated in Portugal and Greece, although Spain is making a come-back after two tourists at airports. These disastrous years. "One of the range from £3 to £7 on a most significant improve-typical £350 holiday to the ments appears to be in the Mediterranean, a figure that is number of families with childlikely to deter few people from ren who are booking for next booking. summer," a Thomson spokes-Many other holidays have man said.

booking too late will either

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Chess draw Memorial after duel of 10 hours

By RAYMOND KEENE

THE 21st game of the world chess championship in Lyons. ended in a draw late on Thursday night after a duel lasting 86 moves and ten hours. Gary Kasparov, champion, leads by 111/2 points to 9% and needs one draw from the final three games to retain the title.

Anatoly Karpov, the challenger, summoned up final reserves of energy and willpower in game 21 in a desperate attempt to stay in contention for the championship. When the game was adjourned after 40 moves Kasparov's position seemed

When the game resumed on Thursday night, Karpov came within an ace of victory but was deprived of his goal by a Kasparov's defensive strategy. Ultimately Karpov entered an endgame of queen and knight against queen and two pawns, which is regarded in chess theory, quite rightly, as totally

drawn.
The 22nd game is scheduled for today unless Karpov decides to take his last remaining time out. The moves: Karpov white

of The Sun in Wapping, east London, from Perth, Western Australia, was removed by the bomb squad yesterday.

for Welsh miners

A statue of a miner, his wife and child is to be erected on the site of a former colliery in the Rhondda as a memorial to the mining communities there. A £3,000 grant for the memorial was announced yesterday, the day after the

valley (John Young writes). The grant is one of ten awards in this year's community pride competition organ-ised by the Civic Trust and sponsored by British Telecom. Other winning schemes include the restoration of the historic Stoneway steps in Bridgnorth, Shropshire, the restoration of a Victorian drinking fountain in Clevedon, Avon; and the reconstruction of a windmill in Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

Pilot identified

The body of a Battle of Britain pilot found in the wreckage of his Spitfire which crashed at Hollingbourne, Kent, on Sept-ember 27, 1940, has been identified from documents in the aircraft as Sergeant Ernest Scott, aged 23, from Don-caster, South Yorkshire.

Subsidence plan

British Coal is to introduce s the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators for resolving differences between itself and householders who claim that their properties have been damaged by subsidence.

Modelmaker dies Bill Roberts, who helped to create the Daleks in the BBC who also made models for The Guns of Navarone and Chitty

Chitty Bang Bang, has died aged 73. Splashing out

Arun district council has been offered £250,000 by a retired secretary, who wishes to re-main anonymous, to allow plans for a £3.5 million swimming pool at Bognor Regis, West Sussex, to proceed.

Solvent test

Trading standards officers in Hampshire are testing Teenage Mutant Ninja Hero Turtle pencil cases to discover if a reported repulsive smell is caused by an industrial solvent that is a respiratory

Homes go-ahead The environment secretary has given permission for 37,000 homes to be built in Cornwall before 2001. This is 4,000 more than the county

council requested. Gelignite find A stick of gelignite without 8 detonator posted to the offices

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war in Gulf From Robin Oakley in Washington JOHN Major spelt out yes- has to be reversed. Only he

Gulf - President Saddam Bush were last night co-Hussein of Iraq.

The prime minister, in a event of President Saddam seeking to drive wedges into can television, insisted that a Western policy with a partial partial withdrawal was not withdrawal. Through his inenough and that there could be no question of negotiation with the man who was "dismantling Kuwait day by day"

could now prevent war in the

and turning it into what was "essentially a prison camp". With American public opinion on the use of force much more doubtful than that in Britain, Mr Major told ABC: "The person who can stop the war is Saddam Hussein. If he thinks the West aren't serious, he might ask himself why the United States has 400,000 troops in the Gulf and the UK nearly 40,000. What he has done is unforgivable, and it

Pull-out will take fortnight

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Iraqis would need at least two weeks to make a "tactical withdrawal" from Kuwait, according to a senior British military official yesterday. That would necessitate the pull-out starting by January I at the latest to meet the January 15 deadline set by the United Nations Security Council. A "shambles withdrawal", in which Iraqi soldiers would abandon much of their equipment, would take only a week.

This latest assessment came as it was revealed that to help in the second phase of British troop movements to the Gulf a number of Soviet civilian Antonov transport aircraft have been hired to ship very heavy equipment to the area. Sources denied that the Soviet transport planes would be taking helicopters on board. Most of the 12 Chinook helicopters being sent are due to go on the merchant ship, Atlantic Conveyor.

With 25 days left, the only sign of Iraqi troop movements is from the north of Iraq down into the theatre of operations. Sources disclosed that the different layers of defensive positions in Kuwait are now

each two divisions deep. Iraq's objective in accumulating so many troops and tanks across Kuwait is to present a deterrent to an allied offensive.

The blueprint for an attack by the allied forces still appears to have a number of serious weaknesses, the most important of which are command and control.

As the deadline approaches, Britain is continuing to seek help from its allies to supply ammunition. Heavy shell production in this country cannot keep up with the demand. By the time all the British reinforcements have arrived in Saudi Arabia, there should be 60,000 tons of ammunition assigned to Brit-

ain's Operation Granby. Underlining the fear that there could be many casualties if there is a war, Britain is providing 1,850 beds for the five field hospitals and 48 surgical teams deployed under dred of the beds will be on the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Vessel,

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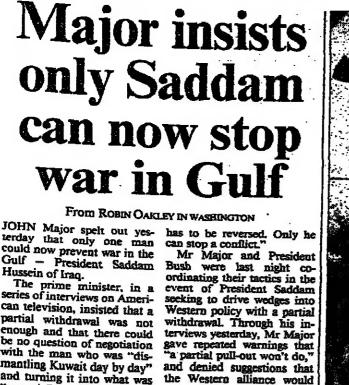
Lutyens residence, he gave

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to the network breakfast

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argued, then small countries across the world would wonder about their futures. A moral principle was involved.

Conscious of American opinion polls and of misgivings in Congress, Mr Major said that nobody wanted a war. If President Saddam withdrew, "there will not be a war and he will not be attacked". But Mr Major insisted there could be no question of negotiations with the man responsible for "a unilateral piece of nastiness". There was, he said, nothing to negotiate about, and it would be encouraging President Saddam to play games.

If President Saddam were

allowed to gain anything from

puted oilfield.

Mr Major was cautious in his response to the resignation of Eduard Shevardnadze, contenting himself with paying tribute to the former Soviet foreign minister's record as a man of peace. He emphasised that the first message from President Gorbachev had been an affirmation that Soviet policy would change, and noted that the affirmation had been immediately endorsed by the Soviet

People's Congress.

He expected that Mr
Gorbachev would choose to
replace Mr Shevardnadze with another reformer, and said that it was too early to speculate about military repression and civil war, although he agreed that Britain had heard talk of such repression "for weeks". Asked if the West should

continue food and technical aid, he said it should be conditional on perestroika being maintained. He told NBC: "A lot of people in Russia are not eating. Procontinuing and going in the right direction, then of course we should help."

Mr Major was questioned closely by interviewers on how much he represented continuity with Margaret Thatcher and what change he would offer. He replied that, while every prime minister had his or her own style, his objectives and Mrs Thatcher's were "strikingly similar".

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Bethlehem arrest: a Palestinian, accused of throwing stones at security forces, kneeling yesterday near Manger Square in Bethlehem in the West Bank, gnarded by Israeli border policemen armed with M 16 rifles

Baghdad decamps to wilderness

Baghdad residents, according entire metropolis of 3.5 milof the city yesterday in Iraq's largest ever civil defence drill, mounted to evacuate citizens in case of an air attack.

At the height of the evacuation. Samir Mohammad Abdul Wahhab, the Iraqi interior minister, toured the dusty, desolate plain of Rashidiya, 10 miles north of Baghdad, and declared himself pleased with the exercise. He issued a warning to the evacuees, the majority of whom came from the Saddam district of East Baghdad, that the next time could be the real thing and to "prepare for the worst".

The carefully arranged ninehour exercise looked chaotic and was viewed with much scepticism by observers. The common view is that, in the event of war, an air strike on Baghdad would carry no more than a few minutes' warning evacuees, the average age of and certainly give no time to whom seemed to be about 14, allow civil defence authorities revealed a mixture of beto stage an evacuation on the mused bewilderment and scale envisaged.

No more than about 10,000 or so evacuees were to be seen in Rashidiya, but officials said hundreds of thousands of others were scattered around this and six other camps near "It proves that we hastily pitched for the occa- honour." sion. He confirmed that there

to official figures, poured out lion inhabitants in case of an of the night if at all, might turn air attack after the January 15 any evacuation into total deadline for Iraq to withdraw chaos? "I am a little afraid from Kuwait The minister insisted that

"Iraqi women and children here, as you can see, are very happy and are looking forward to the coming battle, if there is one". He added: "Any country under threat would have to solve this problem of its the Saddam Hussein General citizens accordingly, but we Children's Hospital in Bagh-will refuse to give in to dad said his staff could cope others."

Saddam Hussein, in a German television interview yesterday, reiterated that Iraq would not withdraw from Kuwait, gave rise to nervous, furtive looks among civil defence workers here, who looked as though they preferred to be somewhere else. The faces of many of the youthful pride. "I am not scared?" said Ali, a Baghdad

student. He admitted it was "no fun" being awakened at five in the merit." Several young men in and Jordan. morning to be piled into a bus are dealing with this success- the middle of nowhere. And fully," Mr Wahhab told his opinion of the threat of journalists, standing next to war? "Let it come," be replied. one of hundreds of tents "We will fight to defend our

Was he not concerned that

Karami faces uphill fight to build cabinet

From ALI JABER IN BEIRUT

government.

new cabinet after the former assassination.

LEBANON's new prime min- explosion in 1987. Ironically, ister, Omar Karami, yesterday Mr Karami is required to started to consult parlia- invite to his cabinet the mentarians as a first step various Lebanese militia leadtowards forming a national re- ers who fuelled the country's conciliation cabinet, amid civil war for the past 15 years. doubts that his efforts can Among them is Samir Geagea, bring warring militia leaders leader of the Christian to sit together in one hardline militia, the Lebanese Forces, who was accused by President Elias Hrawi as- Mr Karami only a month ago signed Mr Karami to form the of being behind his brother's

prime minister, Salim al- The proposed cabinet will Hoss, resigned on Wednesday. also include rivals who have The proposed cabinet will Mr Karami, aged 55, comes fought since 1975. Some of from a prominent Sunni fam- them are even wanted by ily in the port city of Tripoli, police, such as Elie Hobeika. north of Beirut. He is the whose name was linked to the brother of the late prime killing of Palestinian refugees minister, Rashid Karami, who in Beirut's Sabra and Chatila was killed in a helicopter camps in 1982.

HUNDREDS of thousands of was a plan to evacuate the an air attack, which would their twenties appeared cauprobably come in the middle tiously from behind cloth about that, you are right," he admitted. "But Saddam Hussein is a clever man and has made this plan to protect us."

First-aid tents and ambulances staffed by whitejacketed doctors were also on display. One physician from with almost anything in the The news that President event of casualties during an evacuation. One medical tent nearby,

however, was stocked with nothing more sophisticated than a simple electric heater, some plasters and a few scattered phials of muscle relaxant. He admitted that there is a severe shortage of medicine, as a result of the UN embargo, but said doctors were doing their best to stockpile supplies for such an emergency. "We gained good experience during the Iranscared, why should I be Iraq war," he said. "But regardless of the shortage, and it is real, we are ready to deal

curtains of a two-storey building, as we we driven by the organisers to Baghdad. Why weren't they part of the evacuation, one was asked? "Because we'll be here fighting when that day comes," came

the reply. BONN: The United States embassy has handed over a list of 50 German companies suspected of breaking the UN embargo against Iraq, a Bonn government official said yes-terday (Reuter reports). Dieter Vogel, a government spokesman, confirmed a report in Der Spiegel magazine that the list was submitted this week. but gave no details on what products had allegedly been shipped to Iraq.

Herr Vogel told a news conference an initial check of the companies failed to uncover any evidence of violations of the UN embargo against Iraq. He said the government was investigating whether some of the firms had bypassed German export controls. Der Spiegal said in a report without attribution that the allesed German shipments with every situation on its to Iraq went via Iran, Turkey

Relieved Israelis dismiss UN vote

From Our Correspondent

ISRAELI officials yesterday dismissed the unanimous United Nations Security Council resolution deploring Israel's deportation of Palestinian activists, but expressed relief that the document did not call for a Middle East peace conference.

Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, called the vote anti-Israeli. The resolution "joins the string of negative de-cisions which rest peacefully in the archives of the United Nations without anyone paying attention to them".

David Levy, the foreign minister, was more conciliatory. He also called the resolution "an anti-Israeli proposal" and said of the United Nations: "There is no justice there." He noted, however, that the United States had managed to get the call for an international conference out of the resolution and into a separate, non-binding statement read by the security council's president

"It is important to see what the United States did in order to neutralise many harsh, anti-Israeli formulas from the resolution," Mr Levy said in a broadcast on army radio.

But Mr Levy criticised the Americans for not vetoing the resolution, saying the US felt pressured not to damage the Arab coalition it put together in the Gulf. Israel has consistently opposed an international conference, fearing it could be pressured to make unwanted concessions.

The UN vote is the third time that the United States has declined to protect Israel from international criticism at the United Nations. Earlier, the United States twice supported resolutions that criticised Israel's handling of the Temple Mount incident on October 8, in which at least 18 Palestinians were killed by police gunfire.

Palestinians have stepped up their call for international protection from the Israelis. Some said yesterday they were disappointed that the UN resolution did not take stronger steps to protect them. • Christian appeal: Nine Roman Catholic, Greek Ortho-dox and Protestant bishops in

the Holy Land appealed yesterday for world leaders to "follow the course of negotiation" to prevent war in the region and expressed concern about human rights violations in the occupied territories.

Khmer leader collapses at talks

From JOHN PHILLIPS

A CONFERENCE to consider a UN peace plan for Cambodia hit trouble yesterday when Hun Sen, the Cambodian prime minister, was rushed to hospital from the conference after collapsing. Sources said Mr Sen was

suffering only from "fatigue" after arriving on the long flight from Cambodia. Witnesses who saw him in the ambulance said he was conscious. France earlier told the Cam-

bodian leaders attending the talks to accept the UN proposals quickly, because the international community had "other priorities" as well.

About 150 Cambodians. including a dozen Buddhist monks chanting and beating drums, demonstrated and waved placards saying "Cambodia wants peace now" outside the Kleher Centre in Paris, where the new Cambodian National Supreme Council was meeting.

An official schedule for the discussions echoed speculation by Western and Asian diplomats that the meeting could collapse in disarray. It said the talks would continue today "in the event that the work is pursued".

The participants included the Khmer Rouge leader, Khieu Samphan, and his defence minister, Son Sen, who is widely believed to have been responsible, together with Pol Pot, for the mass killings carried out by Khmer Rouge guerrillas in the late 1970s. Also present were Norodom Ranaridh, the son of the flamboyant former Cambodian monarch, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, chose not to attend.

The French foreign min ister, Roland Dumas, opened the proceedings in his capacity as co-chairman, with Indonesia, of an international conference seeking an end to the conflict. "The international community cannot concentrate indefinitely on the fate of Cambodia," he said.

"Gambles on time are in vain," he said. "Other priorities require and will require our attention," he said in an obvious reference to the Gulf confrontation. The supreme national coun-

cil consists of six represcatatives of the Cambodian government and two from each of the three main resistance groups. It is designed to represent Cambodian sovereignty before elections.



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Mild mortal replaces a demigod

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

hen Margaret Margaret Thatcher's tough stand against Iran Gulf confrontation. Four times he emphasised that on American television, viewers would have under his leadership there to turn the volume down. would be little change in When John Major unveiled government policy in himself to a curious nation general. yesterday, they had to turn the volume up. The substance of what they heard,

About Mrs Thatcher he had only the nicest things to say, noting at one point that however, was virtually she had received more votes than him in the leadership Making his prime minballots, at another gently isterial debut here, Mr Maprotesting about an inter-viewer's "unkind interjor was awake before dawn pretation" of her fall from and with the make-up artist by 7.00am. Within the next power. 45 minutes, switching from In a land where Mrs elegant reception room to elegant reception room in

Thatcher still enjoys the status of a demigod, this was undoubtedly a prudent approach, but it also held its dangers. One of the objectives of Mr Major's two-day visit is to establish his identity in America and to emerge from the formidable

tioners with the straightest shadow of his predecessor. If you are a man of such His purpose was clear. mild demeanour as Mr in the air. Yesterday Wash-Four times he emphasised Major, it is hard to see how ington was overcast and looked on baffled. that he would continue

that can be done if you have nothing radically different to say. His interviewers were relieved to encounter a British prime minister not bent on eating them alive, one who discussed and did not hector. "It was like night and day," observed Gene Randall of CNN.

But they also gave the impression that they would soon be missing Mrs Thatcher. Though slightly nervous, Mr Major was polished and articulate, they agreed, but not great

"He was determined not to make news," lamented Bill Plante of CBS. "He seems a nice enough fellow but much more grey, and I don't just mean the colour of his hair. Coming after her is going to be quite a burden."

When Mrs Thatcher came to town, there was always a certain electricity gloomy and it poured with In his stretched limousine Mr Major was whisked

from the embassy to the White House to meet Vice-President Dan Quayle, on to the state department to meet James Baker, the Secretary of State, to Capitol Hill for lunch with congres-sional leaders, then back to the south lawn of the White House to board Marine One with President Bush for the flight to Camp David. t every stop photo

A opportunities were laid on. These did not all go quite according to plan. As Mr Major posed for photographers with Mr Quayle, the vice-president began an involved conversation with the American media about American football and whether the New York Giants could function without Phil Sims, their

injured quarterback. Mr Major, a Chelsea fan,

file. Skraft

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Lithuanian fears

unofficial visit. (Reuter)

Timis - Abdullah Hourani, a member of the executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and a frequent visitor to Moscow, said the PLO hoped that, with the resignation of Mr Shevardnadze, the Kremlin would abandon "provocative"

Western banks see little use for aid without Soviet reforms

THE Soviet Union should launch deep reforms of its economy before Western nations provide massive financial aid to support its large budget deficit, according to a broad survey carried out for the seven leading industrial nations by the world's top lending

"Without such a reform, additional financial resources would be of little or no lasting value." the 50-page report said. "With it, assistance could provide important support during a time of a difficult transition to integration of the USSR into the world economy, with benefits for all

partners." The report by institutions including the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development and the newly formed European Bank for Reconstruction and Devclopment, was the most thorough

Georgia to set up national guard

From ANATOL LIEVEN

THE Georgian Supreme Council is to pass a law on Monday establishing a national guard as the nucleus for a future Georgian army. This is likely to increase fears among Georgia's national minorities as well as among Georgian political forces opposed to the government of Zviad Gamsakhurdia.

The resignation of Eduard Shevardnadze has raised fears in Georgia of impending Soviet repression. The existence of the guard might in theory do something to deter this.

Attitudes to Mr Shevardnadze in his native republic are mixed. Many people despise him as a loyal member of the Soviet elite. Some Georgians, however, were also proud to have a compatriot playing such a critical role.

Mr Shevardnadze was responsible for the repression of dissent during his time as first secretary of the Georgian Communist Party under Brezhnev, and is also held responsible for the execution of six Georgian hijack-

ers of a plane.

However, during language demonstrations in 1979 he is also held to have prevented a mass killing by Soviet troops. He is seen as having helped prevent the Georgian autonomous republic of Abkhazia from breaking away to join the Russian Federation. It is not out of the question that he

might play some role in Georgian politics in future. The decision to form the national guard has been speeded up by the crisis in the rebel Georgian autonomous region of South Ossetia, where three Georgian Supreme Council guards and one Ossete were killed in an armed

clash last week. The national guard is to be made up of conscripts from among Georgian youths who are refusing conscription into the Soviet army. The bill will establish "strict criteria" for recruitment, and it is suspected that these may tacitly exclude members of Georgia's national minorities.

Some Georgians fear that the core of the new guard will be the armed volunteers of Mr Gamsakhurdia's Round Table bloc, and that there could be clashes between the guard and armed volunteers belonging to other parties.
The largest of these are the
Mkhedrioni, or "Horsemen",
aligned with the radical nationalist Georgian Congress. The congress regards itself as Georgia's legitimate representative body and rejects the authority of Mr Garnsakhurdia's government. The Mkhedrioni consist of about 8,000 men, 2,000 of them with firearms.

to date of the Soviet economy. It was sent to leaders of G-7 countries on Thursday.

In a separate report, the European Commission said in Brussels yesterday that the resignation of Eduard Shevardnadze makes a collapse of the Soviet economy more likely and will slow down the process of reform.

"Despite Mr Shevardnadze's motives, it is extremely difficult to appreciate his decision," a senior EC official responsible for co-ordinating EC food aid said. He predicted that the turmoil

now unleashed would make the need for aid more urgent, but would make it even harder for the Russians to produce a feasible plan for reform.

Announcing the results of the extensive EC study of the Soviet economic institutions and political structures, the official said reform fatigue" had now set in. Without public support, the re-

forms would not catch on. The 217-page report, com-missioned by EC leaders at the Dublin summit in June, paints a bleak picture of political chaos

and economic stagnation.

The report said the EC could not now risk giving the Soviet Union help to remedy its crippling balance of payments because the Soviet government had neither credible reforms on the table nor the necessary authority to carry them out.

The EC report said that the Soviet Union would need \$8 billion to \$11 billion (£5.7 billion) next year to bridge its balance of payments gap with other countries. The total Soviet shortfall was between \$23 and \$26 billion, but some \$15 billion had been pledged by the EC and other countries. It also found that, although agricultural output had increased, up to 40 per cent of production was lost before it reached the shops.

"It is clear that without firm and concerted action to reform the economic system, it will drift towards collapse," a summary of the EC report said.

The Soviet budget deficit was about 10 per cent of the gross domestic product in 1990. "Our impression is that without strong corrective measures, the deficit could reach 20 per cent of GDP

In the other gloomy report to G-7 leaders, the organisations conclude that Soviet authorities "face years and involving changes in all key sectors of the economy, including agriculture, distribution, energy and manufacturing, as well as reforms of the legal financial and trade systems. It recommends that Mr Gorbachev speed up economic reforms by removing price controls on basic

items and freezing wages.

The language of the report was cautious, saying technical assistance from the private sector "could play a substantical role", but it stopped short of saying the economy was in such disarray that economic aid would be wasted. "The rest of the world can help the reform process," it went on, noting that there was also a case for humanitarian aid once the Soviet Union irons out distribution problems.

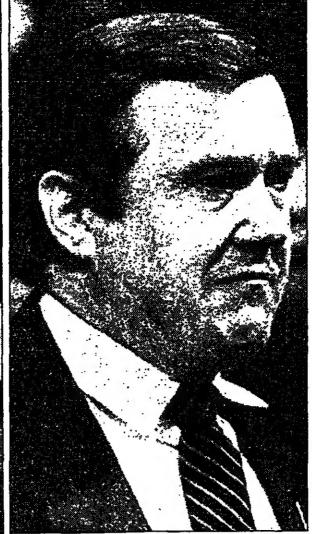
American officials are expected to discuss the report in the coming days with allies and Mr Bush is considering sending an economic team to the Soviet Union to advise Mr Gorbachev on possible further measures to reform the Soviet economy. In past weeks, the Soviet leader has taken steps to centralise economic manager In an unusual move, the World Bank and the IMF cancelled a

related press conference.

The organisations carried out the study at the request of the Houston summit of the leaders of the US, Germany, Japan, Britain, Canada, France and Italy last summer. It called for rapid trade liberalisation and the possible continued subsidy of rents and a few essential consumer goods in the near term in order to provide "an effective safety net" to those at or near the poverty line.

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Kremlin gallery: speakers at the Congress of People's Deputies where debate continued yesterday on the way through the current political tarmoil, from left, Anatoli Sobchak, mayor of Leningrad, Vladimir Chernyak, a deputy from Kiev, and Yevgeni Primakov, front-runner to succeed Eduard Shevardnadze as foreign minister

Successor would stick to Shevardnadze policy

THE West may find the Soviet Union somewhat tougher to deal with if, as many expect, Yevgeni Primakov replaces Eduard Shevardnadze as foreign minister.

The spectacular concessions which Mr Shevardnadze made to change the way in which the Western world viewed Moscow would probably stop, but neither Mr Primakov nor others who are viewed as possible candidates would want to reverse Mr Shevardnadze's achievements.

The assumption that Mr Primakov is the leading candidate depends on President Gorbachev making his choice from among the foreign policy establishment. However, Mr Shevardnadze was an outsider with little foreign policy experience, and it would not be out of character for Mr Gorbachev to spring another

The most likely choices among the established names are Yuli

Vorontsov, ambassador to the United Nations, Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, ambassador to Washington, and Vladimir Petrovsky, deputy foreign minister. Yuri Dubinin, a former ambassador to the United Nations, also has sufficient seniority and ability. All

support the huge policy changes which have been made under Mr Shevardnadze. Aleksandr Yakoviev is not seen as a candidate, although he was the leading intellectual force behind the reforms and his name is well known outside the Soviet Union. Most observers regard him

as politically finished, though still

Dr Alex Pravda, fellow of St Antony's College, Oxford, said that if any of these men were chosen there would be no reason for the West to be concerned. Although tougher, Mr Primakov would make an able interlocutor. His name had been mentioned for

the last year as a possible successor because of rumours that Mr Shevardnadze might be suffering from heart trouble. "He is a very good trouble-shooter, pretty thoughtful, good at

his job, proven, quick and widely

experienced," he said. Although recently best known to the West as a Middle East expert, he was an all-rounder and was skilled at media relations. Dr Pravda expected a change of style but not substance. "I think

we shall see a slightly tougher attitude; slower to be co-operative". Mr Primakov would probably push harder than Mr Shevardnadze had done to secure all he could in return for concessions. "But I don't see any change in strategy", he added.
Western capitals are growing

concerned over apparent attempts by the Soviet military to circumvent the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty, switching some

army units to the navy and underdeclaring some weapons. Dr Pravda said Mr Primakov would not sympathise with this but would try to get the best deal for the Soviet armed forces, limiting the number of weapons to be

Mr Primakov's visits to Baghdad to see President Saddam Hussein were not viewed with favour by Western capitals. They accepted that Moscow was better placed than the West to undertake such a trip, but Mr Primakov's initial willingness to reach a deal struck the wrong note. It is unclear whether this would count against him with Mr Gorbachev. Mr Vorontsov is seen by some

Western diplomats as the next most likely choice after Mr Primakov. Both men are 71, which would be a disadvantage for a Western politician but would probably not be considered too old by Moscow, Mr Vorontsov's

work as temporary ambassador to Kabul in 1989 played an important part in the Soviet disengagement from Afghanistan. Like Mr Primakov he is a skilled trouble-shooter, and also has expert knowledge of United States-Soviet arms control negotiations. Mr Bessmertnykh is seen as an

able diplomat, but less of an allrounder than Mr Primakov, carrying less political weight. He was, however, previously a deputy foreign minister and has enough Vladimir Petrovsky, a deputy

foreign minister and career diplomat, has told Tass that Soviet foreign policy will not be affected by Mr Shevardnadze's

Dr Pravda sees Mr Petrovsky as being very professional, polite, pleasant, and favourable to the United Nations, but lacking in political weight, a view shared by

Bleak mid-winter: shoppers wandering round a big Moscow supermarket hung with festive Christmas tinsel and bright food section indicators. All that is missing is the food to buy

Israel airlifts Jews Warning by in Soviet exodus

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SOVIET Jews, apparently fearful of increasing political chaos under President Gorbachev, are flooding into Israel this weekend.

Israeli immigration authorities say that as many as 8,000 Soviet Jews may come here in the four days ending at midnight today.

The Jewish state has been predicting a rising tide of new-comers because of political tur-moil in the Soviet Union. The latest wave appears to have been spurred, at least in part, by the surprise resignation this week of Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister. Simha Dinitz, who heads the

Jewish Agency, a quasi-govern-ment group that supervises immigration, said yesterday: "There is no doubt the wave that is growing is partly a response to the vorsening situation in the Soviet Union and the debilitation of the government." He added: "We had predicted that, and felt it in recent days, even before Mr Shevar-

dnadze resigned." Since Soviet emigration restrictions were lifted in the spring of 1989, more than 170,000 Soviet Jews have arrived in Israel. The government predicts that up to one million Soviet citizens will come by the end of 1992.

The scene at Israel's main international airport near Tel Aviv was chaotic yesterday. Flights from transit points in Budapest and Warsaw were com-

ing in every hour. Rabbinical authorities have given the government and its national airline, El Al, permission to fly today, the Jewish Sabbath, to get as many people here as quickly

One of those who arrived yesterday was Yurevich Gertsovich, aged 50, a librarian from the Soviet town of Minsk. She came via Budapest with 15 relatives. "There is, of course, a danger now that they may close the doors to immigration," she said. "Nothing good has ever come out of waiting.

A chemistry professor from Moscow, Aleksandr Bronstein, aged 55, arrived from Warsaw.
"The situation is now very bad,"
he said. "The resignation of Mr Shevardnadze is very bad for the government, bad for democracy. It is certainly possible that the gates may close. In addition to El Al flights the

Polish Lot airline and the Hungarian Maley airline have put on extra flights to assist in the airlift. In the western Ukraine, an ethnic row among Soviet soldiers turned into a gun battle that injured 21, the official Tass news agency said yesterday.

Soldiers in a railway battalion stationed in the town of Chop, on the Hungarian border, quarrelled and then blazed away with bullets. Things went so far as an attack on the arms stores, the arsenal and guardhouse. Officers arriving at the scene were also attacked," said Tass, quoting a local newspaper report.

Guards fired into the legs of the rioung soldiers - Armenians, Azeris, Uzbeks, Chechens and Turkmenians - to stop a battle that lasted bours, the report said. Soviet ethnic tensions are particularly acute in the armed forces, where abuse and assaults on minority-group soldiers are

Castro on Soviet split

Havana - President Castro of Cube says the Soviet Union is facing the danger of civil war and is under threat from Westernbacked internal forces which want to wipe out socialism and break up the country.

In a three-hour speech to university students on Thursday night, he also attacked Czechoslovakia for deciding to stop representing Cuban diplomatic interests in America, saying that Prague was acting as "an agent of imperialism".

Dr Castro spoke hours after Eduard Shevardnadze announced his resignation as Soviet foreign minister. But the president made no mention of it nor did he identify the opposing forces in the Soviet Union. "There are forces which want to dismantle the Soviet Union and wipe it off the map," he declared. "There are forces which are dreaming ... of sweeping away socialism from the Soviet Union, of sweeping away everything that signifies Soviet power and internationalism, everything that means relations with Cuba." (Reuter)

Peking pledges 'friendly' ties Peking - China said that the

resignation of Mr Shevardnadze was an issue for the Soviet Union. The Peking foreign ministry said in a terse statement: "We will continue to develop friendly and neighbourly relations with the Soviet Union on the basis of ..

peaceful coexistence."

Mr Shevardnadze was instrumental in improving Soviet . ties with China. His meetings with Chinese officials in February 1989 paved the way for President . Gorbachev's historic visit to Peking three months later, ending a long-standing dispute over communist ideology. (Reuter)

Tokyo - Kazimiera Prunskiene. the Lithuanian prime minister. said hardliners were gaining the upper hand in Kremlin policy in a development that could lead to the imposition of martial law in the three Soviet Baltic republics. She was verging on tears at times as she commented on Mr Shevardnadze's resignation. Mrs Prunskiene was in Japan for an ?

PLO hopes rise

Middle East policies and distance itself from America. (Reuter)

New York condemns Hollywood's Bonfire to the stake From Charles Bremner



Wolfe: diplomatic about the film of his novel

IN NEW YORK

PERHAPS nobody should have tried to make a film out of The Bonfire of the Vanities, Tom Wolfe's withering satire of New York on the crest of the roaring Eighties. The 1987 novel, with its "masters of the universe" financiers and cast of local rogues, is now so embedded in the city's mythology that any film would seem presumptuous.

But even with that caution, the movie world was taken aback by the savagery unleashed by the critics on Brian De Palma's version when it opened yesterday. "A misfire of a thousand inanities ... This is a failure of epic proportion. You've got to be a genius to make a movie this bad," said Joel Siegel, of ABC television, in a typical appraisal. The film, which stars

Tom Hanks and Bruce Willis, is

biggest disasters since Ishuar or Heaven's Gate, those other highpriced flops of recent Hollywood "A glitzy dud," history. Variety.

De Palma had just got it completely wrong, said most reviewers, who included a few amateurs such as Edward Koch, the former mayor and a figure caricatured in the book. "Bonfire is worth seeing if you liked Dick Tracy and Batman," sniffed Mr Koch, the man who presided over the city's decade of stretched limousines. He reviewed the film for The Wall Street Journal, the parish daily of the masters of the

"No one cast in this movie ever stood a chance, they all go down with the ship," said Newsweek. "Like Sherman McCoy, the hero, Brian De Palma makes one fatal choice that leads to disaster. The disaster is the movie." In the

universe.

book, McCoy's mistake is his failure to report a car accident. He becomes the victim of a racialpolitical furore in which he loses everything.

Not a bonfire, but a pilot light of the inanities," said The Washington Post. "A calamity of miscasting and commercial con-cessions." USA Today wondered if the scriptwriter had read the book, "Thudding dialogue ... appallingly wrong-headed," said its review. "Gross and unfunny," said The New York Times. "This movie never seems to know what it's supposed to be."

De Palma's mistake, in everyone's opinion, was to try to make a cartoon-like moral fable out of a satire that lambasted with equal ferocity Wall Street wizards, Park Avenue socialites, ambitious politicians, Harlem punks and drunken British newspapermen.

Responding to the dictates of

softened the attack on New York blacks and scrapped the grim ending in favour of a sugary coda in which the Bronx judge, transformed from Jewish to black, tells the hero: "Go home and be Nobody, but nobody, in New

York talks like that. Equally implausible, the critics noted, was Bruce Willis's portrayal of Fallow, the reporter who pursues McCoy. In the book Fallow was an archetypal Lunchtime O'Booze, transplanted from Fleet Street. Willis plays him as a heavydrinking American, a type which no longer exists.

Apart from anything else the final scene is "a monumental legal error", said Mr Koch, who is now a practising lawyer again. Burton Roberts, the Bronx judge who provided the model for Judge

Hollywood and the racial taboos Myron Kovitsky, thought the of the Bush age, De Palma whole movie was a farce. Wolfe, who reaped several hundred thousand pounds from the film rights, has remained dip-lomatic. "This is Brian De Pal-

ma's movie, with his own version of the plot, his own dialogue, his signature on whatever he does," the author said. But others noted yesterday that New York hardly needed to see the film, since the black comedy of real life in the Big Apple continues to rival anything a satirist could

dream up. In two episodes that could have come straight from the novel on Thursday, the Speaker of the New York assembly was charged with corruption, and in a city court a teenager interrupted the judge who was lecturing him after his conviction for raping a woman aged 82. Hey, judge, just sentence me already," He got 25 years.

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Hoxha widow follows Stalin statue into retirement

TWO symbols of hardline the ending of the Hoxha

communist rule in Albania personality cult. were removed from positions nia's dictator, Enver Hoxha, retired as president of the influential Democratic Front, a communist-dominated political umbrella organisation.

At the same time, a vast statue of Stalin was taken down in Tirana's Skanderbeg Square. By a special govern-ment decree all Stalin statues were ordered to be dismantled throughout Albania.

The departure of Mrs Hoxha, officially for reasons! of old age, paves the way for

Woman dies in Greek earthquake

Athens — An elderly woman was killed and more than 60 people injured in a violent earthquake that shook northern Greece and neighbouring

Bulgaria (Chris Eliou writes). The tremor, measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale, was about 35 miles northwest of Thessaloniki, Greece's northern capital. It was strongly felt in most towns and cities of central and western Macedonia, causing panic among inhabitants who rushed out to village and city squares.

Prisoner contact

Peking - Richard Schifter, America's top human rights official, managed to meet a Chinese dissident detained last year, a Western resident said. Mr Schifter met the unnamed academic in Shanghai, and although the authorities were probably aware of the meeting they may not have approved it. (Reuter)

Chamorro gain

Managea - President Chamorro of Nicaragha won a battle over funding for the country's armed forces when the national assembly voted after an all-night session to support her veto of a huge army spending cut. The army spending cut. one abstention. (Reuter)

Athens order

Athens - A Greek special magistrate said that he would order police to bring Andreas Papandreou, the former Socia-list prime minister, to court to answer criminal charges of complicity in a bank embezzlement scandal. Mr Papandreou is to appear for pre-trial testimony. (Reuter)

Wages of sin

Atlanta - The Roman Catholic church in Georgia spent more than \$21,000 (£11,000), mainly for medical bills, on the mistress of a former archbishop, Eugene Marino, church officials said. (Reuter)

were removed from positions of power yesterday. Nexhmije behind-the-scenes political inhoxha, the widow of Albania's dictator. appears to have been on the this year. Her closest associates in the communist party's polithuro have also been reshuffled. The Democratic Front, which still embraces most political organisations, was clearly no longer a suitable vehicle for Mrs Hoxha's activities. She was replaced by President Alia's close associate, Adil Carcani, the prime

> Her removal, however, is no more than touching the tip of the Hoxha iceberg. Family ties, in particular the intermarriage between so many members of Albania's ruling elite, have given the political class a cohesion absent in any other European country. It will be difficult to retire Mrs Hoxha without also demoting many other members of her

The removal of the Stalin against the old order. Portraits of the Soviet dictator are to be found everywhere in Albania. They are often close to the no less ubiquitous statues of Hoxha. The disappearance of the Stalin statue in Tirana begs the question as to how long the Hoxha statues will

Already in Shkoder, angry demonstrators dynamited Hoxha's statue after stuffing its mouth with grass, in a symbolic reply to Hoxha's oftrepeated phrase that the Albanian people would "rather eat grass than take help from the imperialists".

Since Hoxha's death in 1985, his widow, together with Mr Alia, have carried on the torch of Hoxha's stalinist policies. It remains to be seen whether the government can credibly turn over a new leaf with President Alia still in place. His role as Hoxha's favourite protege com-promises him heavily and raises the question of personal responsibility for the oppres-sion during four decades of

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communist rule. Mr Alia played a crucial role in the famous showdown between Hoxha and Mehmet ister, who was shot by Hoxha during a heated cabinet meeting in 1981.

It is difficult to see Mr Alia emerging with clean hands should this incident be properly investigated.

Albania has been one of the bloodiest of European communist states. Repeated purges, first after the break with Yugoslavia in 1948, then after the break with Moscow in 1960, and then after the conflict with Mehmet Shehu bave left many families be reaved and nursing their

It is hard to envisage the "continuity" promised by President Alia in the coming months with him playing a key role in Albania's moves towards democracy.

Army spurned at Romanian rallies

From TIM JUDAH IN BUCHAREST

Romanian revolution, anti- statement, the army subgovernment demonstrators sequently turned over 1,022 would take to the streets shouting: "The army is with prosecution services for trial.

These "terrorists" have us." When tens of thousands of people came out on to the streets of Bucharest yesterday, the first anniversary of the killings which fired the revolution, this slogan was conspicuously absent, for there is now a widespread belief that the army was deeply involved in the killings.

People packed the main squares of Bucharest, Timisoara and other towns yes-terday. In Bucharest, the commemoration ceremony turned into an anti-government protest as crowds in University Square demanded the resignation of President Iliescu and his National Salva-

tion Front government. Two senators were heckled and prevented from laying wreaths at a shrine for the dead and the windscreen of their car was smashed. "Go of anonymity said: "We know that the army did the greatest shouted at the senators, Gelu Voican and Dan Iosif, who voican and Dan Iosif, who had been among last year's anti-Ceausescu demonstra-

tors. They escaped unhurt. A year ago the events of the revolution were easily ex- the deputy general prosecutor, plained. As the regime of claims that there is no mystery about where the "terrorists" wife, Flena, crumbled, loyal went. He admits that many units of his dreaded Securitate opened fire on the crowds. had no real witnesses," he According to generally ac- claims. "People brought in cepted official figures, they suspected terrorists and then they left."

IN THE months after the according to a recent army "terrorists" to the Romanian

since disappeared. There have been only eight convictions. including those of Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu who were executed on Christmas Day. Many Romanians now believe that there has been a comprehensive cover-up. Presdent Iliescu, Petre Roman, the prime minister, and especially Atanase Stanculescu, the defence minister, have not been able to shake off allegations that, either before or during the revolution, a deal was made with the Securitate and the army to hide their

responsibility.

More than a hundred people died in Timisoara, but there have been no convic-tions for this. A senior local politician who, on this question only, spoke on condition ceasefire or retreated have been forced to leave or have

been demoted." Colonel Mugurel Florescu,



Taste of the West: Soviet soldiers drinking Cokes at a Christmas party at their base in Potsdam, near Berlin

Berliners extend Christmas cheer to Soviet troops

swap the unpalatable rations of their chilly barracks for a cosy German Christmas next week when they are allowed to visit Berlin families in their homes for the first time.

About 250 will sit down to goose and stuffed carp as the guests of east and west Berliners who have offered them a break from the monotonous isolation they face as they await withdrawal from what was East Germany.

The pilot scheme to break down barriers between Germans and the 360,000 troops stationed there is the idea of the tabloid Bild-Zeitung, which has thrived for decades on unashamed communisthashing, in improbable cooperation with the German-Soviet Friendship Society, which was run until last year by the East German state and dedicated to disseminating

pro-Soviet propaganda. Monika Preister has invited two soldiers to join her family in east Berlin for the holiday. the west. Now that things are organisers

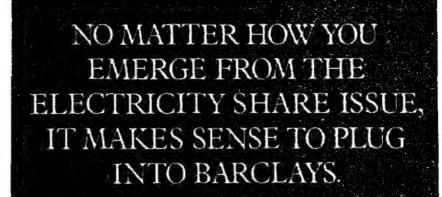
THE luckier Soviet soldiers better for us we wanted to stationed around Berlin will share our good fortune," she

> "But most of all we want to give them some warmth and a good meal. They have a miserable time here: people take out on them their bitterness for what happened between our countries.

Her son Albi, aged 15, is enthusiastic about the chance to practise his Russian, until recently a compulsory subject in eastern schools. "We were constantly told about the great brotherland and the proud Red Army, but when you see them here on the streets they just look hungry and depressed," he said.

The Preislers are rare in their readiness to forgive the Soviet Union for holding their country as a satellite for 40 years. Only 50 families in the east have invited soldiers as guests. From the western part of the city, offers are still pouring in.

"For west Berliners there is a strong element of curiosity and novelty about having a "For so many years we have Soviet Army soldier to Christ-been on the receiving end of mas lunch," said Birgit kindness from our relatives in Dobrig, one of the scheme's



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Compassion and Mersey

Clifford Longley

oman Catholicism in England and Wales was not in great shape in 1965. It was suspicious of other churches and of secular society and trapped in a ghetto by out-of-date rules and customs. It was about to experience the impact of the Second Vatican Council, which ended that year - and which might have torn it to bits. English Catholicism from 1850 to 1965 represented the triumph of Cardinals Wiseman and Manning and the eclipse of Cardinal Newman, the triumph of the ultramontane model of Catholicism over the conciliar.

A quarter of a century later the church is hardly recognisable. Catholic churchmen all over the world envy the quality of its ecumenical relations, its unity of mind and purpose, its quiet liberality, its subtle grasp of ment to a faith that is both entirely orthodox and smoothly adaptable. While the Catholic church elswehere is in a state of upheaval, the English branch just gets on with its job. It has become the

The explanation for this turnaround lies in personalities more than in policies, insofar as the two can be separated. The character of the English Catholic church changed with the character of the English Catholic churchman, Car-dinal John Heenan was a key transitional figure, and his successor, Cardinal Basil Hume, confirmed the transition. Behind the scenes, credit must go to the apostolic delegate (later nuncio) for many of those years, Archbishop Bruno Heim. But more than any of them, the story of those 25 years is the story of Archbishop Derek Worlock, who last night celebrated in Liverpool the silver jubilee of his consecration as a bishop.

His background is unusual for a Catholic priest of his generation (he was 70 this year), in that his father was a local agent for the Conservative party in Hampshire, his mother a suffragette, Soon after ordination, he was chosen as Griffin - the first of three such posts under successive cardinals in 20 years. Then Worlock had a spell in Stepney as a parish priest before his appointment as Bishop of Portsmouth in 1965.

It was his attendance throughout the Second Vatican Council in Rome (from 1962 to 1965), as a consultant and finally as a member, which transformed his career. He was totally convinced by the council, and above all he understood it. The council wrote the agenda through which international Catholicism has been working ever since, and his position has given him enormous

At this distance one can forget how remarkable the Second Vatican Council was: like a mighty battleship at full speed in a storm. turning through 180 degrees. A lot of the deck damage has still not been repaired, and many of the

crew were washed overboard, never to return. But at last the vessel was heading towards the future rather than the past. There are no charts of such waters, but the documents and decrees of the council, still almost as fresh as they were 30 years ago, lay down the broad principles of navigation. Derek Worlock has proved himself the master navigator.

Outside the Catholic church he is best known for his unique relationship with his Liverpool opposite number, the Right Rev David Sheppard, now the outstanding bishop on the An-glican bench. In no other city in Britain have the two leading churchmen (not to mention their partner, the Methodist Dr John Newton) even remotely comparable civic weight and prestige. In their time, Liverpool, the most self-destructive of cities, has been through every kind of agony and anguish short of earthquake, and at each turn of the knife "Derek and David" have been at the city's bedside together, pastors nursing it through. But in the long list of disasters — Toxteth, Heysel, Hillsborough, municipal bankruptcy, the worst unemployment and some of the worst housing in England - there is no mention of inter-faith rioting, no overspill from Belfast, even in the one place in England where bitter Protestant-Catholic communal ten-

sion was once endemic.

This does not begin to measure

Derek Worlock's contribution, however, for much of it has been hidden even from ordinary Catholics in the pews. He has been vice-president of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference since shortly after going to Liverpool, and the one man above all on whom Cardinal Hume relies. He has raised the National Conference of Priests to maturity, while never letting it become th defiant opposition to the hierar-chy it might easily have been. He has spent countless committee hours holding the organised laity in dialogue, not least through the potentially explosive conflict after Humanae Vitae in 1968. His words then - that birth control was "not the acid test of Christianity" - have held that dispute in check in England ever since. And he was one of the chief architects, perhaps the master builder, of the Inter-Church Process and of the successor bodies to the British Council of Churches that came into being earlier this year. Suffice to say that without him, all this would have fallen through. Yet he has never been physically strong, nor free of illness.

Pope John Paul II may or may not have thought of it already, but Archbishop Derek Worlock is one alive today who, on the merits of personal service to the church (rather than ex officio position), have carned the ultimate earthly recognition a pope can bestow. After 25 years, Archbishop Worlock fully deserves a red hat.

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

rs Thatcher's resigna-tion honours list is a tion honours are no bore. There are no crooks in it. The best the media have been able to do is trawl through lists of people who might be ill-disposed towards somebody honoured and invite them to "hit out" or "protest". Did, for instance, "representatives" of the "relatives of the victims" of the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster take the initiative in "lashing out" at Sir Jeffrey Sterling's life peerage? Or did it occur to some canny newsperson that here was a nearempty honey jar with perhaps a final smear for the first enterprising lass or laddie to place a

few judicious telephone calls? What a snivelling way to invent the news. Why not be bold? In that attempt, I am now able to unveil the real resignation honours list. This is the secret list, carried only in Mrs Thatcher's heart: the one she dare not reveal.

It divides into two parts. First there are the honours for the individuals who did most to boost and sustain the Thatcher career. These are almost entirely her enemies. For this is a woman who, by the end, had few friends but who, in the range and quality of her enemies, was magnificently endowed. She owes everything to them. It was through conflict with these people that she won her spurs. These are the men and women who gave her the battles of her choice, on the fields of her choice, at the time of her choice — and lost.

It starts with a composite

award - the freedom of the city of Liverpool — to the two trade unions which, in the winter of 1978, made it all possible. Step forward, Nalgo and Nupe. Our congratulations.

Secondly, for his behind-thescenes work with the loony left, and for fronting one of Mrs Thatcher's most reliable electoral assets, the Greater London Council...come on down, Kenneth Livingstone! Gosh, Ken, if you were still there, she would still be here. Who would have elected John Major to sort

You may think my choice of

Livingstone in the Thatcher hall of fame is eccentric. But there was an alternative to the dingdong battles of left and right. More gruesome than either, this was provided by the "thinking people" in the progessive establishment: the chattering classes. with their Volvos and chicken chasseur. Just when you wondered what it was you admired about Mrs Thatcher, there would be Mary Warnock on the wireless, doing her down in that patronising way that marks the moral bankruptcy of the liberal intelligentsia. Oxford's refusal to grant the prime minister an honorary doctorate must have prolonged the allegiance to Mrs. years. Sooner or later, Oxford will try to make amends. I hope she never accepts.

Then, for a shorter stint than Dame Mary and Comrade Ken. but one of heroic intensity, we honour Arthur Scargill Like Ken, Arthur succeeded both in tripping up his own side, and rallying his enemies at the same time. Well done, Arthur. And eat your heart out, Derek Hatton. For your own honour you will have to wait for Neil Kinnock's list.

Michael Foot's contribution is now sometimes overlooked. It was less spectacular, but through all those early, dark years of economic failure at home and cock-up abroad, Mr Foot never once failed to make the alternative look so much worse.

Finally in this section, our overseas award. An easy choice. True, Colonel Gadaffi was a strong runner-up, but he never really took Mrs Thatcher headon, and so was never truly beaten. That distinction goes to Leopoido Galtieri, who pulled a great political party out of a great political abyss. Recalling what the Armada did for Elizabeth I, Galtieri wins the Medina de Sidonio award.

The second section of our list is for people Mrs Thatcher genuinely hates, and who genuinely hurt her. First, then, our counterpart to the OB (Order of the Bath), the OAB (Order of the Acid Bath) goes to ... but let Dame Mary Warnock to stand will be with us soon.

The Kremlin colonels taste power

welve months ago it was possible to guess the next political move in Moscow by seeking out strident reformers and identifying their most radical demands - multi-party democracy, market economics, a looser federation. Today, if any players on the Soviet stage look convinc-ing to the part of weather-vanes, it is the two men whom the radicals call the "black colonels", Viktor Alksnis and Nikolai Petrushenko. These are the parliamentarians in uniform whom Eduard Shevardnadze, the foreign minister, accuses of forcing his downfall.

As region blockades region farm boycotts city, race fights race and shops cease to exist, the idea is taking hold that only one thing is worse than heavy-handed authority, and that is no authority. In Colonel Alksnis in particular, the rediscovered virtues of authoritarianism have found an advocate who is considerably more sophisticated than most of the communist warhorses who have lumbered across the political

scene in recent years.

Both he and Colonel Petrushenko are 40; both are serving officers in far-flung parts of the empire where Russians feel under threat from local nationalists. Alksnis is a lithe firebrand of an air force engineer from Latvia who thinks and feels like a Russian.



Alksals: sophisticated and knowing how to appeal to the people

Petrushenko is based in Ust-Kamenogorsk, an appallingly pol-luted city on the Chinese border, where he works as a political officer - a job the radicals want abolished from the armed forces.

Both figured prominently in the anguished debate in the Congress of People's Deputies in March after the Lithuanian parliament voted overwhelmingly to reasert full independence. Allsais argued, with the sophistry of a well-trained advocate, that the 41 per cent of adult Lithuanians who voted for pro-independence deputies had no legal or moral mandate to secede.

His partner in conservatism, cutting a blimpish, even ridiculous figure, dismissed the Lithuanians as "small children who have

Bruce Clark in Moscow reports on the struggle leaving Gorbachev isolated

become naughty in a large and strong family while their parents are doing a big and difficult job". These days Colonel Petrusbenko looks anything but ridiculous. Amid intensified fears of repression in the Baltic states, his talk about leaving the Lithuanian children "without enough pocket money to buy ice-cream sound sinister rather than comic.

Bearing the scalps of two liberal ministers - Vadim Bakatin, who was stripped of the interior portfolio two weeks ago, and now Mr Shevardnadze — Colonel Alksnis is positively triumphant. In his victory speech" after the foreign minister stepped down, he emphasised the two issues well calculated to unite ideological conservatives and ordinary people: Mr Shevardnadze's alleged willingness to commit Soviet forces to fight Iraq and the ine hardship and humiliation that is being suffered by Soviet service families as they resum from Eastern Europe with no-

Colonel Alksnis is the founder and prime mover of the parntary lobby known as Soyuz

(Union), which claims the loyalty of 20 to 25 per cent of the Congress of People's Deputies and the broad sympathy of many more for its aim of keeping the Soviet Union together. But his most specific proposals are voiced on his own behalf alone, and they reflect greater sophistication than could readily be found among ordinary Soyuz members who long for a return to orthodox

He is too clever to imagine that there is any route back to communist economics; so he proposes that the free market be imposed by force of arms, as he says American occupation forces did in Japan after 1945. He has also proposed that elected assemblies at all levels be suspended in favour of a Romanian-style national salvation council, with wide-ranging powers. Although a communist, he would include the Communist party in a temporary ban on all

political activity.

If these proposals seem fantastic now, then so would the ousting of Mr Shevardnadze have sounded only a few months ago. The conservative camp is now exuding

to set the political pace that the radicals exuded a year ago. Optimistic liberals reply to Colonel Alksnis's proposals as they do to the televised threats to suppress dissent issued recently by the defence minister, Dmitri Yazov, and the KGB chief, Vladimir Kryuchkov.

They question the feasibility of a crackdown throughout the Soviet Union by security forces which already look overstretched and demoralised and which are viewed in many regions with unmitigated hostility. Furthermore, they argue. if the conservatives get their way with Mr Gorbachev, or oust him, they must still contend with the formidable figure of Boris Yeltsin. who seems uncompromising in his determination to consolidate the Russian republic's independence.

Colonel Alknis is at a relatively early stage in winning hearts and minds, but if his radical critics are to be believed, he speaks for at least part of the military establishment, including some of the

If the political and economic crisis deepens, then the two camps may at some stage be forced to talk to one another, across Mr Gorbachev's head; and at that point the shape of a post-Gorbachev Russia

Innovation on a pagan base, but with a message for us all

Jonathan Clark draws together the many strands from many lands that

make up our modern Christmas

hristmas, as Scrooge correctly observed, is hum-bug. The traditions of Christmas are growing stale. Worse still, we suspect that the traditions are not all that they seem. Some were invented, and not so long ago at that. Others

To begin with, it was far from obvious that the early church would celebrate Christ's birth at all. Celebrating rulers' birthdays was a Roman custom, initially rejected by Christians as pagan. Nor did Christians know the day of the Nativity, which was not recorded in scripture or in imperial records. Contemporary theories included November 17, March 28, April 19 or 20 and May 20.

Early Christians celebrated Christ's baptism and presentation to the Magi at the feast of the Epiphany, January 6. Even this was chosen, according to one theory, because it was the day of the winter solstice in the Egyptian calendar, the Julian calendar, in use at Rome, placed the solstice on December 25.

It was the church at Rome that led in imitating pagan practice by celebrating Christ as a king, and by 336 it had moved his feast day to December 25 apparently to clash with the feast of the sun, Natalis invictis solis, the chief festival of the followers of the cult of Mithras. To Eastern churches, this seemed amazingly pagan. The Armenians refused to accept the new date, and to this day celebrate

the Nativity on January 6. Is Christmas essentially a pagan festival, or did the early church deliberately confront and defeat these pagan observances? The choice of date points to a bid for supremacy rather than a surrendering to influence. For theologians, the exact date mattered little; for the masses, the inherited symbolism of pagan festivals still carried immense weight. When the celebration of Christ's Nativity was moved from January 6 to December 25, the intervening

period was coloured by the associ-

ations of the Germanic Yuletide and the Roman Saturnalia: hence the twelve days of Christmas, the old period of communal feasting at the winter solstice.

Puritans objected so strongly to Christmas because of the enormous pagan inheritance beneath which the Christian message was lost. So New England zealots delayed the American celebration of Christmas until the 19th century; not until 1836 did an American state first make Christmas Day a public holiday, and until 1856 firms in Boston sacked workers who absented themselves to attend church.

But it was the Americans who then took the lead in commercial-ising Christmas. Christmas cards are Anglo-American. Seasonal exchanges of greetings are much older: at new year the Romans gave each other strenae (laurel or olive branches) or small gifts inscribed with restrained legends such as "Anno novo faustum felix English to sentimentalise, and the Americans to commercialise, an ancient custom.

"Santa Claus" was an American misunderstanding. He was a gar-bled version of St Nicholas, the 4th-century Turkish saint of whom nothing certain is known (or perhaps ever was), who yet inspired widespread devotion across Europe. Becoming patron saint of Russia usefully equipped him with the reindeer. After restoring to life three children who had been chopped up by a butcher and popped into a salting vat, he not unnaturally became the patron saint of children too. Dutch settlers at New Amsterdam in America took him along in his Dutch guise as "Sinter Class"; their Anglophone neighbours turned him into Santa Claus, a wholly secularised symbol of bounty and goodwill, a benevolent magician, the epitome, for children, of the gift culture.

In Catholic theology, gift-giving officially echoes the visit of the wise men from the East to the infant Christ, and their tributes of



The Turkish miracle worker who restored three children to life, and now every December brings cheer to millions

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Some countries transferred this symbolism from the Epiphany to December 25 when that became the key date; others did not. Presents at Christmas used to be a characteristic of Teutonic societies; the French followed the Roman custom on January 1; Spanish and Italian adults ex-changed gifts on January 6. Catholic children for a long time hung up their stockings on December 6,

St Nicholas's Day. Gradually, the Christian symbolism weakened. The link with the Nativity was never strong and in the background was always the winter festival, associated with a gift-giver. Once he was Odin, riding the forests on his magic horse Sleipnir, rewarding good and

punishing evil; then he merged into St Nicholas, in bishop's babit, still with a moral role; now he is the scarlet-clad Santa, provider of

indiscriminate largesse.

Most of the trappings of Christmas can be dated. The cult of the crib originated with St Francis of Assisi in the early 13th century. A carol was a medieval ring dance. later the dancing song, but most of the best ones are modern: "Good King Wenceslaus", despite its medieval setting, was composed in 1866; "Away in a Manger", though sometimes attributed to Martin Luther, first appeared in Philadelphia in 1885.

Mince pies date from the 16th century, plum pudding from the 17th, but the grand English dinner dish was a boar's head (the

legendary food of the heroes in Valhalla); turkey was unknown until exported from Mexico in the 1530s and only the New England puritans were austere enough to celebrate with that dry and stringy bird until it caught on from America in our own time.

Decorating houses with ever-greens went back to Roman antiquity; Christians took up the holly and the ivy, reading sym-bolic significance into them, but banned the mistletoe, the druids' sacred plant. German settlers took the Christmas tree to America but it really caught on when Prince Albert had one set up in Windsor Castle in 1841. Dickens disapproved, calling it "the new German toy", but social emulation guaranteed its success, replacing the native kissing bough and its sprig of mistletoe — too erotic a symbol for the Victorian drawing

it by bit our Christmas was invented. Historians who dwell on the "invention of tradition" are generally trying to sneer your practices are irrational inheritances, my practices are rational and deliberate. Yet some of our most recent Christmas traditions are the most moving. One in particular - the service of nine essons and carols from King's College, Cambridge, which dates only from 1918 - is the most successfully sacred in a resolutely. ecular world.

Despite the indelible pagan symbolism, there were strong theological reasons for making Christmas rather than Epiphany the major event. It was a way of emphasising that the divine element was in Christ from the first, and did not depend on his baptism, celebrated at Epiphany: More important still, it was a way of countering 4th-century Arian objections to the doctrine of the incarnation. Christmas was a triumphant affirmation of God's birth in human flesh: a sacred and secular celebration in defiance of those who wanted to elevate Christ into a wholly spiritual, figure, or to demote him to the human level of a wise and good moral teacher. If so, perhaps our half-pagan Christmas has a role today, humbug or no humbug. The author is a fellow of All Souls

Redundancy blues

taff at Conservative Central Office are bracing themselves of the worst after the announcement this week of a £4 million deficit in party funds Chris Patten, the new Tory chairman, is expected to embark on a short, sharp exercise in costcutting in the new year, starting with jobs.

Those most vulnerable include the 50 or so employed in the research department. As 10 Downing Street runs its own think-tank, now under Sarah Hogg, much of the department's work is seen as duplication. Some of those controversially brought in by Kenneth Baker, the previous chairman, such as Dr Julian Lewis, who is joint deputy director of the research department, are thought to be in a particularly weak position. Lewis has made his career keeping tabs on CND, a key issue in the last two general elections but unlikely to loom

large next time. Another Baker appointment thought to be in danger is Fiona Souness (a relative of Graham Souness, the Glasgow Rangers manager), who has no political experience and is employed buying in outside designs for the

party's campaigns. The role of a third key Baker appointment, Richard Wirthlin. who worked on Ronald Reagan's two election victories, is also under scrutiny. Although he remains a key member of the election team, many Conservatives feel the party can no longer afford to meet all the expenses of an adviser who uses Concorde every time he flies in from New

All travel costs are likely to be

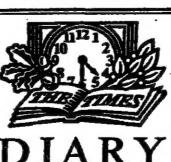
reviewed, and like many another journal currently in jeopardy, the loss-making Conservative News-line may be closed unless it can beef up its advertising revenue. For once the Labour party has beaten the Tories to such cuts. It closed its newspaper and started to run down its research department long ago. Some might say it is ironic that these "Thatcherite" cuts have to be made at party HQ only

after the Iron Lady has departed. John Major resisted the templation to fly into Washington in style. The new prime minister, his wife Norma and entourage were offered a round trip on Concorde for a fraction of the standard £4,500 fare. How big was the deduction? "Cost price." says a BA spokesman, refusing to give a figure. Major, however, still opted for his predecessor's favoured VC-10.

Guest artist

eing a guest of Saddam Hussein concentrates the mind wonderfully. Free after five months in captivity, Robert Barnett, formerly an English teacher in Kuwait, is busy writing a play about his ordeal.

Barnett was arrested after hiding for six weeks and made part of lrag's human shield around strategic defence points. One of the stars of his play will be a radio. "It will be about the morale of the hostages and their response to the various news items as they were broadcast by the World Service, such as the resignation of Mrs



Major," says Barnett. The play, entitled The Other Robert and the 19th Province, has a cast including a banker, an American, a Japanese and a homosexual. It is set on top of a dam, one of the sites where Barnett was detained. Macmillan has expressed an interest in publishing the play, and Barnett hopes that the Royal Court can be persuaded to stage it. Barnett says the play is a comedy, but admits: There is some resistance to publishing it or performing it before the situation is resolved."

Thatcher and the election of

Jangle bells

ohn Harrison, the BBC's chief political correspondent, has received a Christmas gift that many people would find bizarre: the keys to an African prison. The keys, attached to a brass plate inscribed "condemned section", are those of the Ugandan jail in which Harrison was locked up for a week by Ids Amin.

I was arrested in the fover of the Kampala International Hotel with several other journalists in 1972," recalls Harrison. "It was

during the explusion of the Ugandan Asians. We were taken to a prison in Makindi outside Kampala. We were badly treated." Covering the invasion by Tanzanian forces seven years later, ITN journalist Mark Webster was

in the prison when it was overrun and picked up the keys as a memento. Harrison says: "Mark and I were in Madrid together a few weeks ago and he mentioned the keys. He had no idea that I was once in that very same jail. Now he has given me the keys for

 If you thought that estate agents' hyperbole had long ago reached its apogee, think again. Cambridgebased Bidwells, in a bullish report on the impact of the 1992 single market on property prices, declares: "As things stand, East Anglia is in the right place at the right time." How good to know there is no need to move it.

On your icicle

To prepare for his attempt to reach the North Pole, Sir Ranulph Figures immersed himself for long periods in an ice cold bath. His example has been followed by the Australian mountaineer, Brigitte Muir. As part of her acclimatisation programme for the assault on Ma Vinson Massif, the highest mountain in Antarctica, she spent two days in a frostbute-inducing freezer at Sydney fishmarket. Muir, a 32year-old archaeologist. was accompanied by the four members of her back-up team, and hopes that after the 40 hours in the -300 centigrade freezer, they will find Antarctica positively balmy.

The assault on Vinson Massif is

part of Muir's plan to be the first woman to climb the highest peak of every continent. She has already climbed Africa's Mt Kilimanjaro, and what she believes are the highest peaks in Australasia,

College, Oxford.



"It's plain hard work, not a bit glamorous. After my first climb I said it was the last, I have now said the same thing about 300-times, and no doubt I shall say the ... same after Antarctica," she says.

 A competition in The Bookseller to find the oddest title rejected by a publisher has unearthed some gems. One project submitted to... Constable was entitled The Good Food Guide to Nuthouses, which was not a guide for vegetarians, but rather a guide to eating facilities in mental institutions. The least promising project, however, must be a book entitled Weeds of Wyoming submitted to Knopf. The book was politely turned downwith a note to the author explaining that its interest was too local for a national publishing house. Undaunted, the author wrote back. Would it help if the title were changed to Weeds of Wyoming. and Neighbouring States?

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STALIN'S LONG SHADOW

In his lifetime, a light burned in the Kremlin all night, reminding the masses that "Stalin never sleeps". This week, one of the last remaining statues of Stalin was demolished in the last state still to claim him as its inspiration, Albania. Stalin is dead. But is he? Even today, the popular rejection of totalitarianism from Mongolia across the steppes of Russia to cultivated central Europe seems ominously insecure. The chilling fear remains that Stalin and his -ism cannot be toppled with a crowbar and a cheering crowd.

The warning of a return to dictatorship with which Eduard Shevardnadze resigned as Soviet foreign minister this week served to remind his countrymen that democratic institutions and the rule of law are not yet entrenched in the vast empire Stalin dominated for three brutal decades. That warning has relevance beyond the Soviet Union's borders. As the ethnic turbulence and border disputes suppressed by Stalin resurface in the Soviet Union and in Eastern Europe, rulers will inevitably be tempted to crush challenges to their power by the force of arms, even if they reject a single overwhelming ideology.

In Tirana, the dawn of Stalin's 111th birthday yesterday may have been full of hopeful symbolism. All day groups of Albanians watched the demolishing of the plinth on which Stalin had stood and wondered when the statue of Enver Hoxha, Albania's Stalinist dictator from 1946 to 1985, would follow. Their compatriots in the provincial city, Shkodra, had already settled the question. Once the authorities had removed Stalin's statue, demonstrators blew up Hoxha's. But the toppling of statues draws attention not to what is gone, but what lies ahead.

So long as the apparatus of terror remains intact in the interior ministries, the secret police and the militias, so long can the forces of Stalinism be reassembled. China since the massacre in Tiananmen Square may be a better guide than the rumour-mills of Moscow and Leningrad. There, the old men of Peking have closed ranks to restore "stability", in much the same spirit that the hardliners who sought Mr Shevardnadze's head now demand the restoration of "order" in the Soviet Union, Political repression in the name of revived Maoist orthodoxies has gone hand in hand with attempts to reimpose the certainties of a

command economy. Breaking with the instinct to command has proved phenomenally hard, as much in societies which apparently want to break out, such as Poland and Hungary, as in those which are still far from the democratic threshold, such as Romania.

In the Soviet Union, nobody might once have doubted the sincerity of President Gorbachev in his desire to move away from the centralism inherited from Stalin. Yet what is to be made of his apparent shift back, towards the "law and order" lobbies, the hawks of the army and the KGB? And what of his demand for greater formal powers than even Stalin possessed? Does it presage a return to dictatorship? He denies it, but Mr Shevardnadze apparently disagrees. Whom to believe? Even a provisional answer must depend on what Mr Gorbachev means by restoring order, what forces he enlists, what methods he chooses and what he does when - and if - he succeeds.

Mr Gorbachev's two tasks are to keep the Soviet Union's myriad ethnic groups apart and to move his stalled economy into market mode before the hardliners decide the time has come to move it back in command mode. He has the battalions: if not the Soviet army, which is having trouble merely shipping home its troops from Europe, then the KGB and interior ministry troops. But to deploy them courts violent rebellion, which would not only increase economic chaos but destroy his chances of reshaping the Union into a popularly supported confederation of semiindependent republics.

Only if he uses the powers at his command to force the pace towards political and economic freedom will the Soviet people regard Mr Gorbachev as the harbinger of hope. For whatever purpose he seeks them, the powers he now demands over the fledgling institutions of Soviet democracy are unashamedly Stalinist. They could be exercised by others, others who wish to mimic China in turning the clock back. to freeze time. Dictatorship is an -ism that will never die. It is the original sin of politics. Mr Shevardnadze may optimistically insist that a dictator could not now succeed in the Soviet Union, that "the future belongs to democracy and freedom". But did anyone hear Stalin's ghost chuckle in the Kremlin corridors?

WHO FOOLS WHOM?

So who should be the man of 1990? The BBC shot itself uncomfortably in the foot yesterday by admitting that another corporation advance into tabloid broadcasting had gone sadly wrong. Voters in the Today radio programme's "man and woman of the year" competition had selected a leading Hindu politician as top man. Public relations experts know well that few listeners bother to vote in these contests, votes numbering only a few hundred. A wellorchestrated campaign can secure marvellous publicity from Britain's leading talk channel, which says it does not take advertising but, as every PR person knows, merely declines to charge for it.

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For years, the same technique has been used by both political parties for getting their leaders "chosen". Local Conservative associations have ensured that Mrs Thatcher has regularly topped the woman of the year ratings. But this year (the Soviet embassy being too preoccupied to organise for Mikhail Gorbachev) first in the ballot was none other than Lal Krishan Advani, the Indian politician who heads the country's chauvinist Hindu Bharatiya Janata party. Mr Advani is famous in South Yorkshire's Hindu community, but the gilded souls of Broadcasting House responded to his massive vote with a collective "Who he?"

The mistake of Mr Advani's admirers was to fail to polish their PR. The method normally used to win this competition involves supporters being told to send votes in their own hand, as if spontaneously reacting to the daily pleas of the show's presenters. Mr Advani's supporters most unfortunately used standard letters. They also forgot, or never knew, the elementary precaution of using a number of widely scattered post offices. Most postmarks were from Yorkshire.

The BBC seized on these lapses, accused Mr Advani's supporters of offending against "the spirit" of the competition, said he had not won after all and threw him off the winner's podinm - for all the world as if they had found steroids in his urine. No such charges were brought against Mrs Thatcher, nor will they be brought against whichever British politician may now be promoted from second to first place.

The BBC has long offered free promotion to products pushed by the publishing and entertainment industries, though any mention of less fashionable goods or services, let alone of manufacturing industry, is fiercely censored as "advertising". Politics is normally considered acceptable, though minority points of view undoubtedly feel excluded by the big guns.

The Hindus thought they were doing no more than playing honestly at a good old British sport: conning a plug out of the Beeb. Getting their hero voted "man of the year" was surely better than rioting in the streets or making a nuisance in the House of Commons. But they reckoned without the British establishment at bay. Men and women of the year, bluntly, must come from a certain class, colour and group. No way do Hindu militants count.

The BBC should either declare Mr Advani the winner of this ridiculous competition, or admit that everybody has always cheated, abandon the competition and leave such nonsense to the tabloid press. The corporation has managed to fall foul of racism, chauvinism, commercialism - and Tory favouritism. And none of its producers even got an honour!

PRAGMATIC THATCHERITE

The death of Michael Oakeshott this week at the age of 89, so soon after the departure of the prime minister whose views owed so much to his, merits more than a passing obituary. He was nothing less than the chief reanimator of conservatism after the long dominance of socialism over political theory in 20th-century

Britain. Oakeshott was a thinker broadly hostile to theory. His first widely noticed work was an essay fiercely critical of rationalism in politics which came out in 1947. By rationalism he meant an attitude to politics which called for a body of abstract theory to supply the connections required to achieve given ends by given means. He saw politics as the skill of protecting and adjusting customary modes of behaviour, learnt by experience and nourished by knowledge of history. As such, politics cannot be summed up in a set of principles like the instructions for assembling a television aerial.

"In political activity," he wrote, "men sail a boundless and bottomless sea; there is neither harbour nor shelter nor floor nor anchorage, neither starting place nor appointed destination. The enterprise is to keep afloat on an even keel ... seamanship consists in using the resources of a traditional manner of behaviour in order to make a friend of every hostile occasion." There was naturally a stir in the academic world when, in 1951, Oakeshott succeeded Laski, the noted champion of abstract rationalism in politics, as professor of political science at the London School of Economics.

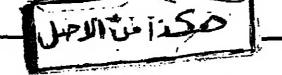
Oakeshott's Burkean emphasis on continuity set him at some distance from Margaret Thatcher. She has always been consciously radical, determined to sweep away the indurated and socially enfeebling practices of the trade unions, the Foreign Office (by resisting aggression and not appeasing it), the education establishment, the health professions, the lawyers and other sectional groups. Yet there was a convergence between them. Oakeshott insisted that the proper role of the state is not to protect the interests of individuals as such but to ensure that they, and the social groups in which they naturally and freely associate, can pursue their own purposes with a minimum of frustration. In this sense, both favoured a strong state, but one with limited agenda.

A less obvious service Oakeshott performed for conservatism was to make it more intellectually attractive than it had been for a long time, certainly since the days of the fourth Marquis of Salisbury. In the first half of the century there had been some notable, if not notably successful, conservative practitioners, Balfour and Baldwin for example. Doctrine was purveyed by archaic eminences such as Lord Hugh Cecil and Lord Hailsham. Oakeshott's conservatism was sophisticated and elegantly expressed, not the reiteration,

however forceful, of conventional pieties. Mrs Thatcher might seem closer to Hayek than to Oakeshott, who was less concerned than either with market economics and the pursuit of wealth. But where Hayek, in the spirit of classic liberalism, criticised central planning and the omnicompetent state on a global scale, Mrs Thatcher and Oakeshott had more a confined and local scope. The rights and interests that concerned them are the rights enjoyed and the interests pursued by the British people, as a result of a long and unique

historical process. Oakeshott's contribution to the conservative revival was thus to make its liberalism truly "conservative", to imply a planing of the rough edges from Thatcherism's radical agenda. Rarely are philosophers also architects of politics, but Oakeshott can safely claim his place in postwar political history.

and will soon evaporate Some hope.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

running and building a long-term

Yours faithfully, JEFFREY STERLING, President,

General Council of British Shipping,

Sir, If foreign subsidised fleets can

undercut British rates we should

gratefully accept. But the in-evitable result would be not the

decline, but the demise, of our

merchant fleet, leaving our trades

from the cheapest source, if ex-tended to other industries, would imply the acceptance of subsidised

and "dumped" goods, regardless of the consequences. The propo-

sition might be more valid when applied to shipping if other coun-

tries, including some of our EC partners, allowed our ships free

Mr Lipsey considers that de-fence problems can be overcome

by chartering foreign tonnage,

which is a dubious assumption.

Even if owners were prepared to

risk their vessels in pursuit of high charter rates, the agreement of their crews to sail into a war in

which their country was not

Mr Lipsey concludes with news of a friend who made a fortune in

- presumably British - shipping,

"selling up shortly before the

current recession began". It must

involved is highly unlikely.

have been a long time ago.

Rake House, Burton-in-Wirral, Cheshire.

Yours faithfully,

December 20.

ROBERT COWAN,

access to all their trades.

The doctrine of always buying

30-32 St Mary Axe, FC3.

From Mr Robert Cowan

controlled from overseas.

December 20.

international shipping business.

All at sea over shipping industry having sold out, is, I suspect, a trader in ships, not someone

From the President of the General Council of British Shipping Sir, David Lipsey's views ("Save our ships", December 19), as always, make interesting reading. But it is wrong to suppose that because ships can be easily hired in peacetime, the rest of the world will flock to offer their services to

us when the shooting starts.
The first lift of the Seventh Armoured Brigade to the Gulf was largely made in foreign ships because they were available for hire when most of our own were fully committed to their customers. Were the shooting to start, the situation would be quite different. Not only would our vessels be available, but other fleets would, I suspect, disappear like snowflakes on a hot day. As Mr Lipsey properly reminds

us, the Indian government would not let its nationals go to the Falklands in 1982. Good and willing seafarers had to be put ashore and replaced by Brits. It is a truism that the only people on whom we

can totally rely are our own.

No one is asking for "an entire merchant fleet" to be supported "just in case every decade or two a ship might come in handy". For example, should Nato ever need to put its plans into action to reinforce Europe in a hurry, almost every sophisticated ship we and our Allies possess would be pressed into service. Far from talking about "the odd ship", we are talking about the only transport arm capable of carrying the vast equipment and stores of modern armies across the seas. And the penalties for failure can be very high.

Finally, David Lipsey's eatrepreneur quietly preparing him-self to reinvest in the industry,

Sir, In his "Economic View"

article (December 10) Anatole Kaletsky accuses Ray MacSharry,

the European agricultural com-missioner, of scuppering the Gatt talks in Brussels. Prepared state-

ments by the US trade repre-

sentative, Carla Hills, and the

Cairns group join The Times chorus of blaming the EC for the collapse of these important talks.

Whilst I would agree that an

economic trade war with America

is certainly not in the EC's best

interests, Mr Kaletsky's attack on

Community farmers in general

and cereal producers in particular

True the CAP (common agri-cultural policy) in its current form has to be amended and this the

Commission is doing. However,

the failure of these talks is, in my

view, due in part to the US and

others putting forward proposals

which they knew full well were

unacceptable by the EC Council

and in reality were simed at

dismantling and even destroying

the mechanism of the CAP whilst

maintaining their own internal

How many of your readers realise that it is the Americans'

main interest to ensure that their

From the President of the British

clearly of significant importance.

Your report states that the finder, Mr Bobby Angus, intends to sell the ring at auction and

quotes him as saying, "Any money we get is just a bonus because the

real joy is that I have found a piece

of history". This is the sort of

comment we hear too frequently.

How can the justification for

treasure hunting as a pursuit of history be believed if this ring, like

the Middleham Jewel found in the

same area and auctioned at Sotheby's for £1.3 million in December 1986, is to be sold at

In the fierce competition of an

auction how can it be right that

national museums, let alone local

museums, where so much of the

treasure hunters' loot should be

deposited, have to fight with

extremely limited funds to acquire

objects of national or regional

I remain, yours faithfully, LAURENCE KEEN, President,

British Archaeological Association,

From the Reverend Hugh G. Cross

Sir, A misunderstanding might

result from the headline given to

the article on the new city centre church in Milton Keynes (Decem-ber 11). It will be clear from the

article, correctly reported by your

religious affairs reporter, that the church is, in fact, an inter-

denominationally shared church

building, rather than a multi-faith

and people of other living faiths in Milton Keynes are good, but there

is as yet no intention of sharing a

(Ecumenical Moderator-elect),

4 Thurlestone, Whitechurch,

Milton Keynes Christian Conneil,

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daytime telephone number. They

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may be sent to a fax number

building for worship.

Yours faithfully, HUGH CROSS

Bristol, Avon.

Relations between Christians

importance?

7 Church Street,

Dorchester, Dorset. December 13.

Shared church

Treasure trove

Archaeological Association

be retained by the finder.

is wholly unjustified.

SUPPORT

Future of Gatt

From Mr W. P. Niven

surplus production is sold to Europe? When one considers that the Community currently imports 57 million tonnes of grains and other feed ingredients per year and only exports 30 million tonnes the balance of interests is immediately evident.

On the question of subsidies, the Americans have a wide range of export credit facilities and domestic support systems, all of which are designed to maintain American agriculture and increase their share of world export markets.

I accept that consumers pay more for their food than might otherwise be the case if we operated in a totally free market, but experience to date shows that once any developed economy depends too much on food supplies from world suppliers the terms and conditions of trade, plus price,

move rapidly against you.

Mr MacSharry has not been strong enough with the Americans and the Cairns group. Why should our producers be penalised and forced to take severe price cuts, the gap in world markets? Yours faithfully.

W. P. NIVEN (Managing Director), United Grain Products Ltd. 30 North Street, Ashford, Kent. December 13.

Game of the name From Mrs Galina H. Carter

Sir, Since Icelanders have no Sir, Your edition of December 13 surnames, only patronymics, i.e., Jon Olafson (John son of Olaf), contains yet another report of a coroner's inquest on a treasure hunter's find. The jury decided that a medieval gold ring, quite Gudrun Jonsdottir (Gudrun daughter of John - and women do not change their names on marriage) everyone is addressed by was not treasure trove and could first names.

The telephone directory lists everyone by first names. A long list of Jons is not more confusing than a long list of Smiths and although in a population of about a quarter of a million it may be a little easier it works perfectly and efficiently.

Might this make a new and exciting change for BT? Yours sincerely, GALINA H. CARTER. 82 Common Lane. Hemingford Abbots. Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

Sunday trading law From Mr A. J. Edwards

December 19.

Sir, The Prime Minister believes that "the present law on Sunday trading is widely held to be unsatisfactory" (report, December 19). He is talking rubbish. The only thing that is unsatisfactory is the refusal of certain authorities to enforce the criminal law. As Mrs Thatcher said with regard to the poll tax, "You cannot pick and choose which laws to obey". The same should be true for law enforcement.

The Sunday trading laws are certainly not "bizarre". Section 47 of the 1950 Shops Act provides that shops should be closed for the serving of customers on Sunday (except for certain specified exempt items). The High Court on July 18 this year stated it was plain that the purpose of the Shops Act was to ensure that so far as possible shopkeepers and shop assistants did not have to work on Sunday (Law Report, July 24). In the same case, the High Court also pointed out that B&Q owed a great deal of its success to systematic breaches of the law.

Shop managers that open on Sunday are criminals, just as much as the shoplifter who steals from their shops. The authorities' inaction in enforcing an act of parliament is what should be regarded as bizarre, not the law. Yours faithfully,

A. J. EDWARDS 67 Erlanger Road, SE14.

From Mr Michael Harwood Sir, Both the title and content of your leader ("Rights of trespass", December 12), arising from the proposed prosecution of a Witt-shire farmer for obstructing a public footpath, give a distorted picture of the claims of walkers. First, it is not just a "few" farmers who have shown a "cava-lise" attitude to public from the

lier" attitude to public footpaths.
In recent years, footpaths have not been "actively defended and even extended" by those with legal responsibility. Quite the reverse.

Definitive maps show a net-

work of some 140,000 miles of public footpaths. They may pass through farmland; but the farmer does not own them. They are as much a property right - a public property right - as the farmer's private property right in his land. And yet a detailed survey in 1988 by the Countryside Commission showed that "a family on a typical two-mile footpath walk . . . face a two in three chance of meeting an impassable obstruction".

This represents mass trespass by the farming fraternity on a grand scale. If public footpath rights had been respected by farmers in the past, usage of the national network by walkers might have been more dispersed, and today crosion of the relatively few overused paths might not be such a problem.

Secondly, walkers are not claiming "completely open access to farmland", but to be allowed to walk at large on uncultivated hills and moorland. Such access would not affect farming. It might affect to some extent the proprietorial sporting rights of a small number of wealthy people. But does a sensible European policy require a healthy workforce or a grouse mountain?

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL HARWOOD, Leeds Business School, Leeds Polytechnic, Vernon Road, Leeds, West Yorkshire. December 14.

From Mr Nicholas Lane

Sir, As a Country Landowners Association (CLA) member, I accept the law as it is in the Rights of Way Act 1990, and would want to encourage public access to the countryside along the definitive paths that have been there since the Enclosure Act.

But is this Wiltshire County Council prosecution just a little one-sided? While we, as farmers and landowners, understand our duties and responsibilities, it is laid down within the Rights of Way Act 1990

that the Highways Authority of the County Councils shall keep all paths clear from vegetation growing from the surface other than crops, that they shall signpost and waymark the rights of way, and this includes a duty to provide signposts where taths leave the metalled mad and waymarks where the Authority thinks it is necessary to help anyone unfamiliar with the locality to follow the route.

As a farmer and landowner, I varmly endorse this, but 1 do believe many county councils, my own in Norfolk in particular, have not carried out their duties. Furthermore, is a county council even equipped to deal with keeping the paths and surfaces in good repair?

Court procedure

From Mr Christopher Ash Sir, Professor Prais (December 18) makes two unrelated points: in the first he queries the asinine babit of being asked to appear at court as a witness before the doors to the building are unlocked, and, in the second, he questions why the magistrate refused to allow a defence witness to give evidence because be had been present in court.

The answer to the first is, indifference, and to the second, incompetence. Courts are run for the benefit of the Lord Chancellor's department, not witnesses - let alone defendants.

Yours helpfully, CHRISTOPHER ASH. Wensum Chambers, 10a Wensum Street, Norwich, Norfolk.

From Mr Nicolas Walter

Sir, You argue (editorial, Decer ber 18) that shopkeepers who wish to trade on Sunday should not break the law against it but should join the campaign against the law. Why not both? Every campaign against an unpopular law has been accompanied by both covert and overt breaches of the law.

This was true of all the laws which used to enforce the Christian observance of Sunday; and this last vestige of those laws has aiways been broken every week. for the good reason that some people wish to buy or sell on Sunday without either interfering with or being interfered with by other people who do not wish to do so. Yours etc.

NICOLAS WALTER. Rationalist Press Association Ltd. 88 Islington High Street, N1. From Mr Stephen Colloff

Sir, If Sunday trading were to be de-restricted we would become one of the most uncivilised countries in Europe in our failure to observe a day of rest. The government should present

a new bill rationalising the present inconsistencies and, as in Germany, making provision for special licences for one or two Sunday afternoon openings a year before holidays such as Christmas. Yours faithfully,

S. P. COLLOFF The Old Post Inkpen, Berkshire. December 18.

Rights to roam the countryside

Will it not have to accept the environmental land management services concept of the CLA and get landowners to manage their paths? When Baroness Trumping-ton, agriculture minister of state, said the Rights of Way Act would end decades of confusion, 1 believe she was misguided. As a keen countryside walker, even armed with an Ordnance Survey map, I am still embarrassed for the most part to walk footpaths for fear of straying from them.

Your report (December 12) and leader, given suitable publicity, will ensure that we involved in agriculture will get our paths into the right order very quickly. But how long will it take the county councils, who benefit from no time limit, to get the footpaths in all counties up to their required condition?

Yours faithfully, N. A. LANE, Margaretta House. Clenchwarton, Kings Lynn, Norfolk.

From the Chairman of the British Horse Society

Sir, What a pleasure to read a leading article highlighting the matter of access to the countryside. This society is of the opinion that the existing system of bridleways and other rights of way available to equestrians is, as the Countryside Commission found, fragmented and requires additions so that ways may be connected to provide reasonable lengths of ride.

Otherwise, with some notable exceptions, the system should be adequate for recreational riding needs. Where requirements for extra access do exist there are good procedures which if correctly followed could result in landowners making paths available.

However, a large number of existing bridleways (and other rights of way) are blocked or in some way impassable. If these were cleared, pressure for an overall increase in public rights of way might be cased.

This society has designated 1991 as the Year of the Arrow (Access and Riding Rights of Way), which will seek to identify a series of connected bridleways and other routes in each county. All our members are being asked to help with the project, in which we also hope to work closely with county and other authorities.

Yours faithfully, E. A. T. BONNOR-MAURICE, Chairman, British Horse Society, British Equestrian Centre. Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

December 14.

From Mr Vere C. James Sir, A further argument for mul-tiplying public footpaths across farmland, as well as maintaining those which already exist, is the growing impracticability of walking along country roads and lanes. Walkers, or pedestrians as we are now described, are frequently regarded as trespassers by motorists and treated accordingly. Yours faithfully, VERE C. JAMES,

Glenwood House Cottage, Long Burton, Sherborne, Dorset. December 13.

Road congestion

From Mr Frank West-Oram Sir, Mr J. B. Robinson's proposal

(December 14) to raise the motorway speed limit to 90mph - to reduce congestion — ignores safety considerations and is apparently based on motoring folklore rather than on fundamental principles, What is needed to increase

occupancy of the first lane is effective enforcement of the existing 70mph limit or of a lower limit as in enlightened countries such as Denmark, Japan and the USA. This would minimise overtaking and thereby ensure that all lanes were utilised effectively, also improve safety with perfectly

adequate mobility and give the bonus of reduced emissions. Yours faithfully, FRANK WEST-ORAM, 161 Chester Road, Northwich. Cheshire. December 15.

Wanted: organists

From Dr K. F. Mole

Sir, The Reverend Edward Underhill (December 13) is in harmony with organists. I left my last job as organist because of Sunday slavery. My new job at All Saints, Kington Magna, Dorset, involves three or four services a month. Three other churches in neighbouring villages keep our vicar fully occupied and three other part-time organists lucky to have an instrument to play on. Yours faithfully,

KENNETH F. MOLE, The School, Buckhorn Weston, Gillingham, Dorset. December 13.

Age discrimination From Mr Jeremy Paxman

Sir, The ageism of the Lord Chancellor's department (John Stanley's letter, December 12) is curiously discriminatory. dinary members of the public are considered too old to sit on a jury over the age of 70. High Court judges can continue to sit on the bench until they are 75.

Yours etc., JEREMY PAXMAN. c/o David Higham Associates. 5-12 Lower John Street, Golden Square, W1.

D.G. Justham, chairman, Cen-Mr Yousuf Karsh, photographer, 82; Mr Graham Kelly, chief executive, Football Associ-ation, 45; Professor Peter Lachmann, president, Royal College of Pathologists, 59; Mr Christopher Lawrence, silversmith, 54; Brigadier Sir Geoffrey Macnab, 91; Miss J.M.

COURT CIRCULAR SANDRINGHAM December 21: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Fellowes and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF were in

The Queen's Flight at Royal Air CENSINGTON PALACE Force Benson today. Her Majesty and His Royal December 21: The Prince of Wales received Mr Mag Highness arrived in an Andover of The Queen's Flight (Group Captain Michael Harrington) and were received by Air Com-Magnusson (Chairman) and Dr John Francis (Chief Executive)

Council for Scotland, at St James's Palace. His Royal Highness received The Queen and The Duke of sor Eric Laithwaite at St James's Palace

of the National Conservancy

Edinburgh viewed displays on The Prince of Wales left Heathrow Airport, London this evening for a visit to British Military Units in Saudi Arabia. Major-General Sir Chris-topher Airy and Commander Highness subsequently left Royal Air Force Benson in a BAe 146 aircraft of The Queen's Richard Aylard, RN are in attendance.

The Emperor of Japan cele brates his birthday tomorrow.

Birthdays

Queen's Flight).

TODAY: Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken, 69; Dame Peggy Ashcroft, actress, 83; Mr James Burke, broadcaster, 54; Dr Alan Bush, composer, conductor and pianist, 90; Viscount Davidson, 62; Mr Noel Edmonds, broadcaster, 42; Mr Maurice Gibb and Mr Robin Gibb, singers, 41; Miss Patricia Hayes, actress, 81; Miss Patricia Hayes, actress, 81; Mrs Karin Jonzen, scuiptor, 76; Arr Vice-Marshal Sir Edgar Lowe, 85; Dr Judith McClure, headmistress, The Royal School, Bath, 45; Mr Trefor Alfred Morria, former chief constable, Hertfordshire, 56; Mr Cheis Old Geichette 42: the Bart coastable, Hertfordshire, 56; Mr Chris Old, cricketer, 42; the Rev Lord Sandford, 70; Lord Stott, 81; the Duke of Westminster, 39; Colonel W.H. Whitbread, brewer, 90; Mr Ken Whitmore, playwright, 51; the Very Rev J.H.S. Wild, former Dean of Durham 86

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TOMORROW: Mr Michele Alboreto, racing driver, 34; the Earl of Balfour, 65; Lord Banpan of Banour, 63; Lord Ban-croft, 68; Mrs C. Bicknell, former chairman, Victoria Health Authority, 71; Sir Nor-man Biggs, banker, 83; Lord Blake, 74; Vice-Admiral Sir Stephen Carilll, 88; Professor Sir Theo Crayford, perholesier, 20. Theo Crawford, pathologist, 79; Mr Peter Davis, chairman, Reed International, 49; Mr Maurice Denham, actor, 81; Sir Colin Fielding, civil servant, 64; Mr tral Independent Television, 67;

man, Boosey and Hawkes, 72; Flerr Helmut Schmidt, former chancellor, Federal Republic of Germany, 72; Mr Christopher Turner, former headmaster, Stowe School, 61; Mr R.S. Unwin, publisher, 65; the Mar-

quess of Winchester, 49. Anniversaries

TODAY: Births, John Crome, landscape painter, Norwick, 1768; Jean Henri Fabre, naturalist, Saint-Léons, France, 1823; Giacomo Puccini, composer, 1828; Edger Va. ist, Saint-Leons, France, 1823; Giacomo Puccini, composer, Lucca, Italy, 1858; Edgar Varèse, composer, Paris, 1883. Deaths, Duc de Sully, soldier and statesman, Villebon, France, 1641; George Eliot, novelist, London, 1880; Richard Krafft-Ebing, neuro-psychiatrist, Vienna, 1902; Beatrix Potter, children's writer, Sawrey, Lance, 1943; Harry Sawrey, Lance, 1943; Harry Sawrey, Lancs, 1943; Harry Langdon, comedian of the silent film, California, 1944.

Alfred Dreyfus, a French army officer, was imprisoned on Dev-il's Island on a charge, later proved false, of espionage, 1895. TOMORROW: Births, James Gibbs, architect, Aberdeen, 1682; Sir Richard Arkwright, inventor, Preston, 1732; Sir Martin Archer Shee, painter, Dublin, 1770; Joseph Smith, founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons), Sharon, Vermont, 1805; Samuel Smiles, author of Self Help, Haddington, Lothian, 1812; Sir Hugh Allen, musician, Reading, 1869.
Deaths, Michael Drayton, poet, London (?), 1631; Thomas Rob-

ert Malthus, economist, Bath, 1834; Anthony Herman Fokker, aircraft pioneer, New York, 1939; Edward Lindley Wood, 1st Earl of Halifax, statesm Viceroy of India, 19 Garrowby, Yorks, 1959. 1925-31

University news

The Queen's University of Belfast

Research projects have benefited from a grants package worth more than £950,000, the nounced. The grants include: £230,609 to Professor Desmond Archer and Mr Thomas Gardiner of the Department of Ophthalmology from the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. The funding is for research on

behalf of the association. £163,181 from the Technology Board for Northern Ireland to Dr Andrew Barr of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery for research into the causes of anterior knee pain. The investigation will employ the non-invasive diagnostic techniques, such as the award-winning knee creener, developed by the

£130,269 from the Northern Ireland Leukaemia Research Fund to John Bridges, professor of haematology, to support re-search fellows and technical treff in his description.

of insemanology, to support re-search fellows and technical staff in his department. £105,924 from the Department of Education for Northern Ire-land to Dr Alex McEwen and Mr Matthew Salters of the School of Education. The grant is for a research project on the is for a research project on the introduction of the common

Dr Robert Hamilton, the senior pro-chancellor, was presented with a bound copy of Queen's, Belfast 1845-1949: The History of a University to mark his

To the chair of hispanic studies - David William Johnston, a lecturer in modern languages at the University of Strathchyde, To lectureships in politics – Mr Michael Hogh Kenny and Dr Mar-garet Mary O'Callagham. To a lecture-ship in law – Mr Patrick Gabriel

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services) — Mr. Sean O'Brien. To the
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To membership of the sense — Mr.
Peter Weir, clerited by the Studenby
Union council, and Mr. Norman
Ferguston, norminated by the Emstern
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The following distinctions have Dr Gordon Beveridge, the vice-

British Institute of Mana ment, and has accepted. He has also been elected to the Smeatonian Society of Civil John Dodge, professor of child health, has been elected to the

council of the Royal College of Physicians in London. Professor Robin Shanks, dean of the Faculty of Medicine, has been elected a member of the oversess committee and the education committee of the General Medical Council for

one year. George Parks, professor of Sur-gical Science, has been elected chairman of both the academic board and the admission and selection board, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland; and a council member of the Associcouncil member of the Associ-ation of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland (for a three-year period). Philip Burke, professor of mathematical physics, has been elected to membership of the council of the Royal Society.

Conferment of titles Conferment of titles
The title of honomry professor in the
School of Finance and knormation
has been conferred on John R
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and head of the School of Management at the University of Bath.
The title of honovary professor in the
School of Mechanical and Proms
Engineering has been conferred on Mr
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School news

Bryanston School Sixth Form Scholarships Awards have been made to the following: Beth Chard, Wellington School; Emily Collis, The Godolphin and Latymer School; Pant's Pa Caroline Hollick, St Paul's Girls' School; Emily Robinson, Portsmouth High School.

Mountbatten Medal Prince Michael of Kent, Commonwealth President of The Royal Life Saving Society, has approved the award of the Mountbatten Medal for 1989 to Philip John Cassidy of Ayr.

OBITUARIES

MICHAEL OAKESHOTT

Michael Oakeshott, political philos opher, fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and professor emeritus, University of London, died on December 18 at his home in Dorset aged 89. He was born on December 11,

MICHAEL Oakeshott was one of the few outstanding political philosophers of the 20th century. The impact of his thinking was felt not only in academic circles, but in the world of politics. Rather as T. H. Green, the Oxford idealist philosopher, helped to transform liberal opinion at the turn of the century away from the old ideal of liberty towards new designs of social reform, Oakeshott did much in his lifetime to turn conservative opinion away from social planning and back to personal responsibility and freedom. Paradoxically, he always insisted that he had no message, that political theory could offer no guidance in political practice, and that all his writings were intended only as contributions to scholarship.

Michael Joseph Oakeshott was born the son of Joseph Oakeshott, a prominent Fabian socialist, and educated at a progressive co-educational school, St George's, Harpenden. He was sometimes supposed to have reacted radically against this background in becoming a conservative, but in fact there remained in Michael Oakeshott more than a streak of his Victorian socialist inheritance; if nothing of the Fabian dirigiste sort, there was something of William Morris's anarchism even in his Toryism and there was even more of the pre-Raphaelite poet in his personality and his way of life. Among the great ones of the past whom he looked up to intellectually were the mentally and spiritually bold - men as different as Benvenuto Cellini, the extrovert sculptor and goldsmith of scandalous and brawling life, and the unworldly mystic St John of the Cross.

He went up to Cambridge as an undergraduate at Gonville and Caius College, and stayed on as a history don for more than 20 years. History led him to historiography, and historiography to philosophy. Oakeshott's philosophy, however, was not the empiricist kind which Bertrand Russell had made fashionable, but was closer (again reverting to the 19th century) to the idealist tradition which Benedetto Croce was keeping alive in Italy and R. G. Collingwood in Oxford. Oakeshott's first book Experience and its Modes, which appeared in 1934, set out a theory of knowlege sharply at odds with the prevailing positivist doctrine. Experience and its Modes was an important restatement of the cardinal principles of absolute idealism ex-pounded with all Oakeshott's moral and intellectual sincerity and underpinned by his profound knowledge of the history of philosophy. It was coolly received in 1933 and took 33 years to sell out a first edition of 1,000 conies. The author nevertheless lived to see it hailed as a small masterpiece,

fusing an idealist epistemology with a profoundly sceptical metaphysics. Oakeshott asserted his individuality again in 1936 when he published a book (with a colleague, G. T. Griffith) entitled A Guide to the Classics. This turned out to be concerned not with the literature of the ancient world, as was at first widely assumed by many a master in the classics sixth forms around the country, but with the turf, giving readers advice on picking the Derby winner, It earned the author a black mark in puritan Cambridge, all of which appealed considerably to Oakeshott's sense of humour. However, the two dons were a trifle crestfallen that their Guide, which



the performance of horseflesh through a rigorous survey of breeding and twoyear-old form, did not sell better. Certainly its appearance broke no bookmakers' hearts, notwithstanding that it went into a second edition after

the war, in 1947. Oakeshott's next book was an altogether more serious one, Social and Political Doctrines of Contemporary Europe, written at the suggestion of Sir Ernest Barker, who wanted Oakeshott to succeed him in the chair of political science. During the war Oakeshott enlisted in the ranks as a gunner and rose to be an officer in the intelligence, serving in "Phantom", a unit whose function was to observe and report back to the guns the effectiveness of their barrages. War kept him away from Cambridge for five years.

When he returned he became editor of The Cambridge Journal and contributed several essays which made clear the nature of his conservatism: it owed less to Hegel than to David Hume and Montaigne, with Oakeshott resting his head, as they did, on the pillow of doubt, and believing in custom, habit and tradition because there was nothing else

When Barker's chair at Cambridge went to a popular historian from Oxford, Oakeshott left to become Professor of Political Science at the LSE, an institution his father had helped to found, and which had long had a reputation for being left-wing. Richard Crossman and others protested at a chair once dignified by such socialists as Graham Wallas and Harold Laski being given to a conservative, and Oakeshott himself, in an inaugural lecture of characteristic urbanity, admitted "it seems perhaps a little ungrateful that Professor Wallas and Professor Laski should

many by the measure of his scep-ticism. "In political activity," he said, "there is neither harbour for shelter nor floor for anchorage; neither starting-place nor appointed destination. The enterprise is to keep afloat." Defining a political ideology as something which "purports to supply in advance knowledge of what freedom or democracy or justice is, and in this manner sets empiricism to work", Oakeshott then rounded on this conception of politics as being erroneous as well as pernicious. "Political activity," he declared, "comes first and a political ideology follows...

Oakeshott's career at the LSE was, however, a marked success because he made it clear from the start that he was not going to preach conservatism as Laski had preached socialism; he intended to promote academic work and academic standards, which he did with a grim determination and brisk efficiency half-hidden by a mask of boyish bohemian insouciance. He published little during his 18 years at the LSE: a short essay on aesthetics and a series of essays collected under the title Rationalism in Politics (1962). He became more productive after his retirement in 1969, an event marked by the publication of a Festschrift he did not much care for. His later books - notably Of Human Conduct, published when he was 74, and On History, which came out when he was 82 - were as beautifully written as everything he produced, and in their elegant, devious way, more constructive and more deeply philosophical than his earlier writings. Observant readers noticed how words such as "habit", "custom" and "tradition", which were central to his earlier writings, gave way to such concepts as "reflection", "conscious-ness" and "intelligence". At the same time Oakeshott returned continually to the central theme of all his work:

freedom, seeking to explain not just freedom in the political sense, but freedom as a defining characteristic of man as a self-created being within, but

distinct from, the animal kingdom. Oakeshott refused public honours and honorary doctorates from several universities, but he did accept, when pressed by former pupils, honorary doctorates from Colorado, Durham and Hull. In 1978 on the eve of Mrs Thatcher's first electoral victory there appeared a volume of Conservative Essays, edited by Maurice Cowling, in which the influence of Oakeshott was pronounced, but Oakeshott himself stood fastidiously aside from all party politics. "Conservatism", he wrote, is the name not of a creed or doctrine, but a disposition." In the preface to one of his later books, Of Human Conduct, Oakeshott wrote: When I look back upon the path my footprints make in the snow, I wish that it might have been less rambling." And yet this was only half an apology, for in the same essay he said of philosophical reflection, what he had once said of politics, "it is an intellectual adventure which has a course to follow, but no destination." His last book, The Voice of Liberal Learning, which appeared only last year, contained nothing to suggest that Oakeshott had strayed far from this position, either as regards politics or experience in general.

Nevertheless, more than anybody else Michael Oakeshott articulated the real philosophical foundations of Mrs Thatcher's policies. Yet he had no direct influence on her and she was disposed to consider him irrelevant for her purposes because unlike Hayek, he made no practical recommendations.

But it was Oakeshott in the late 1940s who explained the Conservatives' opposition to socialism and corporatism and influenced many generations of students and readers who became supporters of Mrs Thatcher. He warned that a managerial society "is kept going by promiscuous, day to day interventions", by "the exercise of the kind of power most subject to misuse and corruption". He emphasised that the foundation of English liberties was "the absence of overwhelming concentrations of power such as the trades unions".

Private property and competition were essential because "to replace by political control the integration of activity which competition (the market) provides is at once to create a monopoly and to destroy the diffusion of power inseparable from free-He strongly opposed the view that

society is a productive enterprise which the economic emphasis in Mrs Thatcher's rhetoric sometimes implied. Oakeshott's vision of society was as "a multitude of interests, activities and organisations" contained within a civil association held together by the rule of law and by the habits, traditions and loyalties inherited from the nation's past. For the same reason he saw

education as an initiation into the art of civilised living and distinguished it sharply from vocational training Although he respected and commended vocational training the notion that education is a means to industrial efficiency he regarded as fit only for a slavish society. He was as firm as Mrs Thatcher about the basic views on competition and patriotism but his larger vision produced a less abrasive impression.

He leaves his widow, Christel, and a son from a previous marriage.

JOHN MAHONY

John Keefer (Jack) Mahony, who was one of the last four surviving Canadian winners of the Victoria Cross, died in hospital at London, Ontario, on December 15 aged 79. He was born on June 30, 1911.

JACK Mahony won the VC for gallantry at the crossing of the Melfa River in southern Italy on May 24, 1944. King George VI pinned the medal on him in July of the same year. A major at the time, Mahony commanded a company that was ordered to establish a bridgehead on the east bank of the Melfa, against a strong defending force of German infantry supported by tanks and self-propelled guns. The crossing was made "in full view of and under heavy fire from enemy machine-gun posts", his citation said

Twice the Germans launched tank-led counterattacks and twice they were beaten back, with heavy losses on both sides. At one stage in the second attack, a Canadian section was pinned down in the open by accurate and intense enemy fire. Major Mahony crawled forward to the beleaguered troops' position and, by throwing smoke grenades, managed to extri-cate the section. Though wounded in the head and twice wounded in the leg he continued to direct the defence of the bridgehead, disregarding the extreme pain he was suffering. Only when the rest of the regiment had crossed the river did he allow his wounds to be dressed.

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Establishment of the bridgehead was vital to the whole Canadian corps action, the



citation said. "The great courage shown by Major Mahony in this action will forever be an inspiration to his regiment and to the Canadian army." Before enlisting in the army at the outbreak of war in 1939. Mahony was a reporter for The Province, a Vancouver newspaper, which he joined after graduating from high school in nearby New Westminster. In the same period he was also a member of the Canadian militia (reserve army). He remained in the army for 17 years after the war ended in 1945, serving in various parts of Canada. He also was Canadian army liaison officer in Washington for a time in the 1950s. He retired as a lieutenant-colonel in 1962. With his death the number of living Canadian VC winners is reduced to three - all from the second world

Mahony is survived by his wife, Bonnie, and two daughters.

Forthcoming

marriages

Mr A.B. Carrothers and Miss J.J.M. Barrett

Archaeology

Kaya kings' tombs uncovered

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

peninsula some 1,500 years ago. Wooden chambers have been found containing pot- known in Japan. tery, bronzes and iron objects, decorated with red pigment.
According to ancient docu-

ments, Kaya was a federation of six kingdoms in southeastern Korea, sandwiched between the larger Shilla and Paekche polities. Kumgwan Kaya, in what is now Kimhae, and Tae Kaya in Koryong are said to have been the two most staffs, a bronze horse bit, and powerful of these tiny states, pieces of armour. which Japan claimed to have conquered in the fourth and are the 150 large slabs of pig fifth centuries AD.

KOREAN archaeologists be-lieve they have discovered the tombs of the kings of Kaya, a the sun, and thus supreme according to Professor Shin Kyong-Chol, who directed the excavations. Very little has group of polities that flour- power. The bronze, which is been known about the polished in the south of the about 10cm (4 in) in diameter, itical, social and cultural is of a type not previously found in Korea but well

> One of the tombs contained two wooden chambers one measuring nearly 28ft by 16ft (8.5m by 4.5m) and 7ft (1.5m) fifth century, recording the high, the other about half that Japanese invasion and size. The second tomb had one occupation of Shilla. chamber. Archaeologists found also found eleven bronze cylinders, believed to have been the finials of flag-

iron, "material evidence that the two tombs so far excav- a powerful political group", may now be reconciled.

development of Kaya due to lack of records," Professor Shin said. There is little mention of the kingdoms. except on the monument of King Kwanggaet'o in the early

Japanese scholars will see new evidence for the existence of what their Nihon Shoki, a history of Japan, calls the Mimana colony. Excavations at the site, at Taesong-dong in Perhaps more interesting Kimhae, recommenced on a larger scale that previously in September, and the archaeolo-Among the 30 objects from the early Kumgwan Kaya were gical and historical evidence

at Christ Church, Chelsea, of Mr
John Hunter, son of Mr Gordon
Hunter and Mrs Alexander
Graham, and Miss Louise
Bishop, younger daughter of Dr
Ian Bishop and Mrs David
Livingstone. The Rev Simon
Acland officiated.
The bride was attended by
Charlotte Seyfried, Sophie
Griffiths and George Keating.
Mr Nicholas Adams was best
man.

the honeymoon is being spent

Mr L.S. Mallinson and Miss A.M.C. Sulivan
The marriage took place on
Saturday, December 15, in

Marriages Henry VII's Chapel, West-minster Abbey, between Mr Lawrence Stuart Mallinson, son

The Hen A.G. Maclay and The Marchioness of Huntly The marriage took place on December 18, at St MacIrubha's Church, Poolewe, between the Hon Angus Maclay and Jane Marchioness of Huntly.

Mr J.R.G. Hunter
and Miss L.F. Bishop
The marriage took place on
Thursday, December 20,
followed by a Service of Blessing
at Christ Church, Chelsea, of Mr

A reception was held at The Conrad, Chelsea Harbour, and

ST VEGAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 CITY TEMPLE. Hollorn, EC1: 10.30 SM. The Rector.

Lawrence Stuart Mallinson, son of Mr and Mrs Terence Mallinson, of Albion Street, London, W2, and Miss Angela Marie Christine Sulivan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Sulivan, of Weybridge, Surrey. The Dean of Westminster, the Very Marie Very Rev Michael Mayne officiated, assisted by the Rev Charles Jeffries and the Rev Alan Luff. -

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Juliet Sulivan, Emilia and Henry Amodio and William Kenyon. Mr Nicholas Heath was best man.

A reception was held at St John's Gate.

Dr J.W.P. Rose and Dr J.E. Cheen

The marriage took place on Friday, December 21, in London, between Dr James Rose, younger son of Professor and Mrs J.B. Rose, of Guildford, and Dr Jane Cheetham, only daughter of Dr and Mrs H.D. Cheetham, of Dartford.

Mr J.P. Delaney

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs C.M. Carruthers, of Frant, Kent, and Jocelyn, daughter of Mr R.M. Barrett, of Dallas, Texas, and Mrs J.A. Barrett, of Fulham, London.

and Miss A.J. Lyons The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Denis Delaney, of Woking, Surrey, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Lyons, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr J.J. Moss and Miss N.J. Appleton and Miss N.J. Appleton
The engagement is announced
between Julian, elder son of Mr
and Mrs Graham Moss, of
Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire, and Nicola, daughter
of Dr and Mrs Peter Appleton,
of Askett, Buckinghamshire.

Mr C.R.T. Smith and Miss S.A. Reynolds Both families are delighted to

announce the engagement of Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs M.P. Smith, Newton Harcourt, Leicestershire, to Samantha, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Reynolds, Kibworth Beauchamp.

Mr R.E.P. Vines and Miss S.A. Clemp The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Edward Vines, of Ross-on-Wye. Herefordshire, and Sally-Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Clamp, of Ashby-

de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire. Mr D.C. Wilton and Miss H.E. Wood The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Wilton. of Leiston. Suffolk, and Helen, daughter of Mr Keith Wood, of Winchester, and Mrs. Annals. Rurrouss. of

and Mrs Angela Burrows, of Mr A. Wood and Miss N.L. Wilkinson The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Wood, of Worcester Park, Surrey, and Nicole, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.P. Wilkinson, of Thornton Heath,

Church services for tomorrow

Fourth Seathry in Advent
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC;
9.20 M; 11 S ELCI, Mind in honorum
Sancti Dominici (Fushra), People look
Est (Gesuscon Melody), Rev Dr C A
Lowie 3.15 E. Response (Walsh),
Antistion, O Virgo virginum, Wesley
In E. Vigilaito (Byrd); 6.30 Sermon &
Campline. The Dean.
YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.46 HC; 10 S
Euch, Lizary Coocesnore! Misea
Bel'armitri altera (Lansua), Rev L
Gatotry: 11.30 M, Responses (Bose),
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This is the record of John (Gibbons),
Ven L Stanbridge.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: ven L. Stanbridge.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC:
10.30 M. Rasponses G.eighton Jones).
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Rev C. Mann: 11.30 HC. Missa.
Adventus (Eben). There is no rose
(Anonit. 3.16 E. Responses (Leighton).
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Carolis (Vangham Williams). Rev J.
Haliburan. Company of Paragram of Carratemas Carpais (Vasagnam Williams), Rev J Halifourton.

WESTMINSTER ABBSY: 10 M. Rev Dr D Gray; 11,15 Abbox Euch, Very Rev M Mayne; 8 E. Rev C Lowi; 8.45 Gram Recent. Andre Lameden: 6.30 ES. Carpon E James, EDGUTHWARR (CATHER PREL: 9 HC, 11 Euch, Collegion Regule (Howelle), The Angel Gabriel durf Petimens), Avermann and Gabriel durf Petimens), Avermann Gabriel durf Petimens, Avermann Gabriel Gray Camon M Milchen; 5 Cathedral Carol Service.

WESTMINSTER GATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 4, 10.30 EM. Mosc Averman stalla (Victoria), Ave Mars Paragons), Averagn Corpus (Mawbry), Les enfants of Dieu (Mescaland), 12, 6.50, 7, 2.30 Gran Roccal, lain Spicock; 3.30 V & Carpon Roccal, lain Spicock; 3.30 V & Carpon Roccal, Lain Spicock; 3.30 V & Carpon Roccal, 1991. B.
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL. South-wark: 8. 10 (Children's), 6 LM; 11.30 HM. Mass in A minor (Cascioliai). Veni Domine (Morevira). Fr M McVeight: 6.30 Ecumenical Carab.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIVINE WIEDOM, MORCOW
Rd, W2 9.30 M; 11 Divine Librey.
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OF THE DORMETION OF THE
MOTHER OF COOL ESSISSION OF GRAS,
SW7: 10.30 DIVINE LIBREY,
SEZEJIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
OF ST SAVVA. LANCESTER Rd, W1:
10.30 DIVINE LIBREY,
THE CHAPEL ROYAL St. James's
Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Rejoice in
the Lord saway (Purceil), Rev A H
Mead. Mead.

QUEEN'S CHAPPL OF THE SAVOY.

WC2: 11 Service of Leasten & Garota.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE GLAPPL.

GENERAL SELO: 10.50 HC with

GENERAL SWI: 11 M. Addition lay

yeounden (0:10, Rejoice in the Lord

anway (Aano). The Cremeler Course.

The Chapter: 12 HC. TOWER OF LONDON, ECS: 11 Christmas Carol Service; 12.20 M & HC.
**TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EOA:
8.30 HC. 11.15 Mp.
ST CLEMENT DANNES (RAF Church)
WC2: 9, 12.15 HC; 11 Mp. Ouseley in
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Thou Appearest (Mozart). Rev W J D
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ALI HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11
S Euch. Canon P Delancy: 4 CandleHold Service of Lessons & Carola & the
Blessing of the Crib. Canon P Delancy.
ALI SARVIS. Margaret Street, W1: 9.
5.15 LN; 11 Hold, Missa bite Confessor
Grainstrina). Ave Maria (Pernana).
Very Rev T R Beson; 6 £ & B. The
Short Service (Syrd). Ave Maria

(Palastrina). Rev P McGreaty.
ALL SCH.S. Lambann Place. W1; 11
Rev S Wookey: 6.30 Press R Sewes.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH. Old
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Preb C E L Thomson: 6.30 Festived of
Mine Lesions & Carols. CHREST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 MC 11 S Euch. Rev N Vigers: 6.30 Caroli. GROSVENOR CHAPEL South Audicy Street 8.15 HC; 11 8 Euch, Massa Brevis Geltrietti, Ave Marta Obryothi, Ne limena Maria (Victoria, Rev A W Maris. HOLY TRINSTY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8-30 HC: 11 HC, Rev Dr M brest. HOLY TRINITY, Sloape Street, SW1: 8.45 HG: 10.50 Exch., Rev K Yeles. 5.45 HC 10.30 Exch, Rev K Yales, ST BARTHOLOMEW THE OREAT. Settlevield, ECI: 9 HC: 11 M. Neumens Maria (Victoria): 6.30 Service of Nine Lessons & Carobs. ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, ECK: 11 M & Euch, Responses (Ruse), Dyson in F. Derive in E. Cahon J Cabes: 6.30 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carobs. ST CLITHBERT'S, Philipsach Carobs. SWG: 10 HC: 11 8 Each, L'Horn Pensa (Viadana), This is the Brush sept from above (Vengham Williams), Rev J Vine. FT CEORCE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1; 10 Parish Communion: 6.30 E. Parish Communion: 6.30 ft.
ST GEORGE'S, Manorer Square, W1:
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(Viadana), Amisimy and Everisming
Oed (Gibbons), The Rector; 6 Service
of Nine Lassons & Carols.
ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, SP Gles
Hein'St, WC2: 8, 12 HC: 11 MP. Rev
P Fainten; 6 EP: 6.30 Lessons &
Carols.
ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8
HC: 11 Fastily Carols, Rev M Bunker;

6.30 Carol singing around the Parist.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30
HC; 11 & Euch; 6.45 EP.
ST JAMES'S, Busser Gardens, W2: 8
HC; 10.30 \$ Euch, Missa O Magnum
Avasirum (Victoria), The Angel Gabreil, Rev B Gallowsy; 6 Carol
Service,
ST JOHNS, Hyde Paris Crescett, W2:
6 HC; 10 Parish Euch with Children's
Church, Canon T Exchard; 6.50
Evening Worship, Rev R Callaghan,
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland
Rd, W4: 10 LM; 11 SM, Fr A Physili
6 V & B;
ST JOHN THE DIVINE, Vassali Rd. Rd., W14: 10 LM: 11 SM. FT A Physilic 6 V & B.
ST JOHN THE DIVINE, Vassel Rd., 8W9: B LM: 10 HM. Mass for four voices (Byrd), Gabriel's Message (arr Pelman; 6.30 Carol Service.
61 JOHN'S WOOD CHIRCH. NWE: 8 HC: 9.30 Parish Communicati 11 S EUCh. Message Basse (Faure), Ave Marta (Rodsky), Rev A Walker.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC: 10.50 Mg & HC. Leighten is 0. 0 Mg & HC. Leighten is 0. 0 Mg and the service of the passe of the Parish Hole Romanicon: 11 S Euch with Hole Romanicon: 12 S Euch With Hole Romanicon: 13 S Euch With Hole Romanicon: 15 S Euch W peace of Jarusalem Glowalls. Rev T Devonstire Jone. ST MARGARETTS, Westindheler. SWI: 11 M. Responses Orlowells. Dyson in F. Antiphon, O Enguassed Rex et tepler moster. Trebler Service (Westken). Hymn a in Vierge (Vilher). Rev C Richardson: 12.15 HC: 6 Service of Nine Lessons & Carols. ST MARTIN-DN-THE-FELIDS, WC2: 8 HC: 9.45 Euch. St Martin's Service (Britsper). A Hymn to the Vrygn (Britsper), I sing of a maiden (Berkeley). Rev J Prietmore: 11.30 Vastors to London Service. The Vicari 2.45 Calmase Carol Service: 6.30 DS.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, WE: 8, 12,30 HG 9,30 S Euch, Mr N Pain; 11,16 M, Canon P Deacon; 6,30 Carol Service.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9.
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6.15 E 8.

ST MARVILERONE, Marylebone
Road, Wil. 8 HC, 11 Euch, Missa a
quintos voctosa (Byrd), Rev R
McLaren: 6.30 Service of Nine
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ST MARVILE-STRAND (WRNS
Church), Strand WC2- 11 Sung
Communition, Rev E Thompson,
ST MATTHISWS, Creat Peter 8.
SWI: 8 HC. 10 S Euch, Mass
GMUTTED, The Vicar, 6.30 LM, Service,
ST MICHAELS, Cornhill, ECS: 11 M
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ST PAUL'S, Witton Place, SWI: 8, 9
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SM. The Rector.
THE ANNUNCIATION. Bryanston
School, WI: 11 SM, Missa Econ quam
bonum Glassier. Canale tuba in Sion
Grainstola; 6 Ltd & B.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND. Puni Street. SWI: 11 Rev W A.
Cattus; 6.30 Lessons & Carols for
Caristinestide. Rev H C Ross.

THE ASSIMPTION, Warwick Street.

WI: 11 Western Wrod Mass (Thversor), Cantre tube in Sion (Ouertern).

CRURCH! OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove. St. John's Wood: 10.45.

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East Virgo (Byrd).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 6.30, 10.

12.15, 4.15, 6.15 List; 11 Hot. Missa in Advance of the Maria (Hassley). ST ETHCLUSEDA'S, Ely Place: 11
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12.18, 6.50.

CHOWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND. Covert Garden, WCZ: 11:16 Rev H C Ross. (Passer).
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CHURCH, WI: 11 Rev L CHITTHIS
6.30 Thrv P Hoer/Smenda Woods.
KENSINGTON TEMPLE. (Charts
matic). Naming 1511 Cats. Wil: 9.
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Chris Cartwright 6.30. Carol Service
& Carolin Dye.

RESENT SCHANGE DISSERVICE OF REGENT SOUARE PRESENTERIAN URC. Tavistock Pince. WCI: 11 Rev Dr R Scopes: 5.30 Service of Lemons & Carols. SALVATION ARMY (Repent Hait) Oxford Bt Wil: 11 Major C Hunt. 6.30 Carols by Candleligh). ST ANDREW'S LING. Frognal Lane NWS: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan. ST ANNE AND ST ACRES (Lastrers). Gresham St. EC2: 11 HC. David Addinson: 7 Advent Carols & Lesens.

WESTMINISTER CENTRAL MALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, Rev Dr R J Tudor: 6.30 Creatingle Service. WESTMENSTER CHAPEL BUCKING.

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Answers from page 20

(a) To stumble, from the Old Norse stumra

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(c) A simple loose dress worn chiefly in Hawaii, from the Hawaiies and

and a cut off, from the fact that the yoke is

omitted: "Fielon, being a woman, put on a yellow

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an old-fashlowed nightie. Muu-muus were

designed by well-intentioned missionar ladies, in the early days when a few flower sufficed for a garment,"

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tes 4 : 9. 10 CMB. BIRTHS ATHERTON - See Evans.

BRIM - On December 17th to

Anderty and Edward, a son.

A brother for Clementine,
and Frederick. CHRISTERE On December 20th, to Pippa and Peter, a doughter, Elizabeth Rose, a sister for Jamie and Annabel. CLASSEOM On December 14th, to Penny (née Taylor) and Roderick, a son, Conrad Drummonnd, a brother for Samuel.

EVARS - On December 12th at Netheredge, Sheffreid, to Mi-chael Evans and Jane Atherton, a daughter, Nia Elizabeth Ruth. GRAY - On November 30th, to Slobpum (ner Stanley) and Michael, a beautiful daughter, Tara Louise.

1990 to Belinds (nie Dear) and Charles, a daughter, Wandn Mary Louise. KAVANAGO - On December 21st. to Sue (née Austin) an Joe, a son, Daniel. LAW - On December 18th in Hong Kong to Maggie and Rob Lite a daughter. Josuma Roberta, a sister for Victoria. Simon and Tessa. MASON - On December 16th.
al Duise University Medical
Center. North Carolina, to
Jackie (née Sherrard) and
David, a dampiter, Churiotte
Ann.

SHITCHELL - On December 19th, 1990, to Amanda and Charles, a desighter, Emily Jane. MORAM - On December 17th, at The St Hetler Hospital, to Jacqueline and John, a daughter, Katherine Louise.

NORRISON - On December 11th to Alison (née Little) and Humpierey, a non, a brother for Charles. Parnham. Surrey. informal dress.

GRRETT - WHENER On December 20th suddenly but peacefully at Vaynor Park.

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shelling from guns whose crews are ensconced in pits and behind para-

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tions, which are scarcely more than

the normal incidents of trench life in

these days. Behind the lines the

troops in rest are, frankly, more

interested in Christmas preparations than they are in the immediate course of the war, always assuming.

of course, that the Germans will be

unable to defy winter conditions to the extent of causing any interfer-ence with their plans of festivity. Yesterday I visited one of the

principal Army Post Offices in order

to learn something about the Christ-mas mails this year. The figures which I gathered form a pretty

striking testimony to the growth of our fighting forces on the Western

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Scientist. defends space projects

By NIGEL HAWKES

more begs of meils than they were called upon to handle during the corresponding period of 1916. In other words, they counted upon having to clear some 25,000 bags a day during the period of pressure. This anticipation has been so far exceeded that during the busiest day ted vesterday at sit of the seeon thus far 34,000 bags were received from England. But so admirably is the whole service organized that the work of distribution has been carried out without a hitch.

To illustrate the promptitude of delivery, I was told that a sack of

parcels received in the field on the evening of the 18th instant was examined before delivery on the examined before delivery on the following morning, and the marks on the eight puckages it contained showed that one was posted in Belfast on the 12th, one each at Glasgow, Chichester, and Newport on the 13th, and four at Gateshead and Wimborne on the 14th. Letters are being dealt with even more expeditiously. Four envelopes were picked out of a great batch at random posses out of a greek outen at random at a sto test the time of transit, and the datas showed them to have been posted at Forest-gate 31 hours, at Wolverhampton 35 hours, at Aberdeen 45 hours, and at Glesgow 52 hours before being handed out for immediate delibers.

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imposed lest year. But even so, the Army Post Office in France made perpenations for dealing with 50,000

figure before being handed out for immediate delivery.

Whilst very much fewer parcelahave been received this year, there has been a far greater interchange of money between the soldiers and their people at home. In the normal way the Post Office I visited account for the cashing of about 70,000 postal orders a week, but this total has been exceeded by a much as 110 per cent.

orders a week, but this total has been exceeded by as much as 110 per cent, during the last seven days. Again, this same Post Office sold 130 per cent more postal orders and accepted 150 per cent more registered packets during the past week than in the corresponding period of last month. In these times the armies in France post just over eight million letters a week, but since December 16 this week, but since December 16 this total has been well doubled.

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A LEADING astronomer profrom the Science and Engineering Research Council that it might be forced to withdraw from two big international space projects because of a shortage of money.

Kenneth Pounds, director of the x-ray astronomy group at Leicester university, in an open letter to Sir Mark Richmond, chairman of the council, said that he was shocked at the council's declaration carlier this week that substantial additional funding would be seeded if it were to stay in the two space missions.

Professor Pounds said that astronomers and space cientists everywhere find it incredible that the administrators of British exience, which can now boast few enough world class achievements, should apparently be preparing to dismantle its uture programme in an area of space science where Britain's international standing is

The threatened projects are the Spectrum-X mission, a collaboration in x-ray astronomy between the Soviet Union, Britain, Italy and Germany, and Lyman-Fuse, a project with Canada and America to study space at ultra-violet wavelengths. Professor Pounds said that the international agreement for the Spectrum-X mission was signed only last August and British withdrawal would almost certainly kill the most important component, the

joint European telescope which is to go on the mission. Funding for the £7 million British comribution has been committed since 1988, and about half has already been spent, Professor Pounds said yesterday. To pull out now would open the council to criticism for wasting the money already spent as well as making Britain look ridiculoos to its partners.

The council has announced a series of economies, including postponing for two years an eight-metre telescope project and deferring consideration, also for two years, of a proposal to build a special observatory to look for gravitational waves. A similar delay was imposed on a radar to be built at Spitzbergen, off Norway, to study the particles which produce the aurora borealis. The council is facing a £40 million shortfall and funding increases announced in the chancellor's autumn statement do not come close to meeting the deficit.

Researchers to produce editions of talking Times

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

partially sighted, blind and ing a hindrance. elderly people next year.

The newspapers are being put onto compact disc and the places such as tube stations Open University has developed a system that allows users to search for key words and text and translates the colour consumes less electricelectronically-held pages into

synthesised speech. Dr Tom Vincent, whose team at the university's institute of Educational Technology has devised the textinto-speech retrieval pro-gramme, said he would make the software available free to charities and companies.

Discussions between News The Times, and the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB) have also been taking place over a scheme to transmit newspapers into home computers.

reports into speech.

However, Dr John Gill, who heads the charity's rewhile some technical develop- expensive. ments are promising a better

TALKING versions of The quality of life for Britain's one of new technology has Times and The Sunday Times million visually impaired citi- emerged this year which could could be made available to zens, other changes are prov- prove as significant a boon as

For example the growing cane for the blind after the use of electronic screens in were a problem for those with poor sight. The screens display in red because showing this ity yet red is the hardest colour for many visually handi-capped people to see.

The growth in more sophisticated telephones from a variety of makers is also causing difficulties. Keypads used to be standardised but now phones can have buttons in different places,

Phone box keypeds are International, publishers of becoming flatter in an attempt to stop vandals pouring liquids into the insides but raised buttons are needed by the visually handicapped. Central heating systems

increasingly have electronic The system uses teletext displays on timers. Older broadcasting technology to mechanical systems can be beam the pages into homes easily and cheaply adapted for and a voice synthesiser to turn the visually impaired but the only way to make electronic heating system displays user-friendly is to add an artificial search department, says that speech system which is

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Lasting partnership Police Constable Frank Grannill

years, and were both on the front line during the Toxteth riots of 1981 and at the Hillsborough stadium disaster. PC Grunnill, aged 54, said: "We have been through a lot together, good times and bad. Visny is an

(Rosald Frank writes). They times and bad. Visi have been partners for 18 extra-special home."

left the Merseyside police force yesterday after 35 years' service, taking with him as a retirement present his police horse, Vindicator

tached to scaffolding or by holes in the road could alert blind people to new dangers on a familiar street by emitting a warning sound. Dr Gill said the system, called REACT, which has been developed by GEC Mar-

coni research centre in Great Baddow, Essex, was attracting substantial overseas interest. That, he said, was vital if the system was to become accessible for Britzin's visually handicapped.

Dr Gill said that during the

last decade numerous im-portant technological developments had come to nothing, often because they were 100 expensive. The card signalling system

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Ready, set, go for a bright bargain

The sales are about to begin, and fashion followers are in for a treat, Liz Smith reports

dicted that bright colours would be the rage this winter. They seem to have been wrong. The customers played safe and spent their money on classic shades, so the winter sales will be a colourful sight. For anyone with an eye for vivid green swing coats and hot pink cashmere sweaters, there are bargains to be found.

At Jaeger, whose sale starts on Thursday, a neat, double-breasted wool jacket in red, orange, pink or purple is down from £169 to £109. A black wool skirt that works with any of those bright colours is down from £79 to £49.

Jaeger has lots of bright blue and fuchsia pink cashmere in Regent Street and selected branches around the country. A turtleneck cushmere sweater is marked down from £169 to £119; the roll-neck style, £179 to £129; crew-neck, £159 to £119; and a cardigan with gold filigree buttons, £225 to £149. Selfridges will turn the opening

day of its sale (Thursday, 9am-8pm) into a street party with a Dixieland band, and staff sporting red carnation buttonholes will dispense coffee to customers in the queue. Although bright colours have not been a stock problem, there will be good-looking bar-gains in Saint Laurent Variation pink, red or purple velvet suits. Single-breasted, with gilt buttons, they will be marked down from £355 to £223. A Variation black velvet skirt will be down from £149 to £99.

Because trade was brisk in men's casual clothes at Selfridges this season, racks of city suits will appear in the sales. Designer labels to look for are Byblos Beyond, Cerruti and Valentino, all down by a third, with a Saint Laurent suit, say, down from £285 to £185. Men's pure cashmere coats are down from £499 to £299.

The story is the same at George Arthur Dunn's men's shops

The fashion pundits pre- around the country. The smart new reincarnation of the Dunn chain has few of its chunky sweaters and cord trousers left, but good-looking suits for men are marked down to half price in the

sale, which started yesterday.

The real bargain will be a neat jacket or a pair of well-cut trousers that give a new lease of life to something you already own. The going rate for the classic Burberrys weatherproof coat is £270 (for both men's and women's). In the sale it is £195.

Apart from Aquascutum's col-ourful pink and blue checked tweed suit, the best bargains at Margaret Thatcher's favourite fashion store are among the classics, most of them down by one third, but some by half. A pure wool coat costs £162, down from £325.

At Fenwick (Bond Street, Milton Keynes; sale Thursday, 9.30am-8pm on first day) prices will be cut from 20 to 40 per cent on classic styles by designers such as Paul Costelloe (own label as well as lower-priced Dressage), Nicole Farni, Betty Jackson, Armani's Mani line and Synonyme. Costelloe's perfectly tailored black wool trousers will be marked down from £119 to £79. A big, chunky Aran-patterned Farhi sweater in black or bronze will be £89 (from £129).

Most of the designer shops in Knightsbridge, now London's ghetto of international labels, delay their sales until the new year. MaxMara in Sloane Street will open its sale on January 2, with long, classic double-breasted coats in camel, navy, charcoal, brown or black, down from £515 to £370.

The sale in the Saint Laurent shops, at 137 Bond Street, WI and 205 Sloane Street, SWI, will start on January 4, with prices down by 40 per cent. Caroline Charles's customers will be able to buy crushed velvet separates, suede



Cut-price girl about town: stone wool coat with fake for trim, £119 (from £175), Fenvick, 63 New Bond Street, W1. Fake for hat, £73 (from £98), Herbert Johnson, 30 New Bond Street. Suede shoes, £45.99 (£65.99), Russell & Bromley, 24 New Bond Street. Hair and make-up by Ellis Helen

shirts, handknits and little silk cocktail dresses marked down from 25 to 50 per cent in her Beauchamp Place shop sale, which

will start on January 3. The rich colour and texture of a Georgina von Etzdorf hand-printed velvet scarf knotted around the neckline of an N. Peal

cashmere sweater adds luxury to the simplest outfit. Her sale (at 149 Stoane Street, SW1, and Pickett, 41 Burlington Arcade, Wi) will open on January 3. Mulberry's handsome quitted suede and tapestry begs and classically designed Scotchgrain huggage will go on sale from

and from Thursday at Gees Court, WI: Liberty; Harrods; Harvey Nichols; Army & Navy, Guildford: and Jenners, Edinburgh, Harrods breaks with tradition this year. Its sale will open on January 4, instead of the usual Wednesday start. Doors will open

in cashmere will include a two-ply, longer-line cardigan with round neck and gold buttons, from £200 to £145, and a roll-collar sweater, from £235 to £139, both in pale pink, natural, forest green, vicuna and deep rose as well as black, navy and white.

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jacket, £375 (£515), scutum, 100 Regent Street,

Aguascutam, IW Regent W1. Blue Harris tweed skirt,

£69 (£99), Fenwick, 63 New Bond Street, W1

Army & Navy, Victoria Street, SW1 (071-834 1234), Dec 27-Jan 27. Selected Le Crouser Items reduced by 20 per cent. A third off succed Dorma Chartotte, Mayfrower and Janet Reger Fleur ped Inen. Double-size Drifter Juck-down duvets reduced from 289-99 to 264-99. Half-price Brosvenor siver-plated gittwars. 90 per cent off George Butler parasen of silver-plated curtery, 10 per cent off Stag. Ducal, G Pie and Ercol furniture. Hotpoint

GUIDE TO THE SALES Jan 27. Reductions as for Army & Navy.

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Litre for the price of a bottle.

Collins and Heys Wadhurst and Duresta Chilman upholatery, Unimobel three-seater sofa reduced from \$710 to \$350, 50 per cent off Lloyd Loom ex-showroom models. Half-price Pakistan Bokhara and Kaunuri Indo-Persian carpets. Upright Yamahi piana reduced from \$2.895 to \$2.395. Roland ICR55 kayboards reduced from \$1,795 to \$1.395. Rieductions on meny

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John Lewis, Oxford Street, W1 (071-629 7711) and branches nationwide. Dec 25-Jan 12 (closed Jan 1). Wide selection of "seconds" in china department, including Wedgwood Amherst 10in plate reduced from £16 to £10.50. Reductions on saucepans,

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Sw1 (071-730 3434), Dec 29-Jun 12 (closed Jan 1), Reductions in glassware, bed and table linen and china, including Wedgwood Royal Lapis seconds: for example, 10in plate reduced from £21 to £10.50. Special purchase of Denby Imperal Blue includes 10in plate reduced from £5.75 to £4.45.

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rug, 19ft 9in x 7ft, reduced from
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1055 vacuum cleaner from £105 to
£99. Tetal the-place cockware
set (Ultrabase Cotswold range)
from £77.99 to £49.99. Up to 50
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(0227 766665). Dec 27-Jun 20.
Panasonic M30 stereo

James, 48 Princes Street (031-225 2442), Dec 27-Jan 26. Hard-Imotion plain carved Chinese rugs, 2t 3n x 4tt 3in, reduced from 278.95 to 240.50 per cent reductions on handpainted oriental lamp bases. Special purchase of Early's of whitely bed sets – double £18 and kingsze £22. Jenners' 12-tog cluck down double duver reduced from £78.95 to £58. 40 per cent off Ceithress discontinued ince. lines, including crystat vases reduced from £33,95 to £20,35,

Bantalla, Wood Street (081-546 1001), uso at Earng (081-567 3040), Worthing (0903 31901), Bracknell (0344 424678), Turibridge Wells (0892 25222), Toribridge (0732 771177), Jan 3-Feb 2. Reductions in all departments.

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Feawick, Coppergate Contre (0904 643322). Dec 27-Jan 18. La Creuset five-piece pan set reduced from £119 to £99; 25 per reduced from £119 to 299; 20 per oent off Portmainton china seconds. Fogarty Superfill white posee down double quilt reduced from £129 to £99.95. Christy Windsor bath towel seconds from £7.96 to £2.95. 40 per cent off perfect prices for Aynskiny china.

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Cosree Stop, 81 Fullism Road, London SWS (071-589 7401). Jan 12-19. Reductions of up to 30 per cent on upholstery and 20 per cent on ching and class cent on china and glass.

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Road, London W1 (071-636 1686) and Tunsgate, Guildford (0483 576715). Dec 27-Jan 26. Heal's two-seater sofe in toer stripe red reduced from 2721 to 2550. Pennose tub cherr with loose cover from 2385 to 2195. Limed coak wardrobs. Ambrose Heal oak wardrobe, Ambrose He design, reduced from £2,259 to £1,695. Heat's goose duvets reduced from £115 to £95.



Sales frenzy: china at rock-bottom prices is a big attraction

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Manchester: Kondols, Desinegate Manchester: Kondele, Desinegate (061-832 3414); Milton Keynes: Dickins & Jones, Acom Walk (0908 682727); Newcastle: Binns, Market Street (051-202 8201); Sheffeld: House of Fraser, High Street (0742 720121); Swansea: David Evans, Prancess Way (0792 651525). Dec 27-Jan 27 (Dec 26-Jan 27, north of England and Scotland, closed Jan 1 and 2).

Birmingham: Bull Street (021-236 8251); Blackpool: The Promerade (0258 25272) Glasgow: Angyle Street (041-221 9820); Leeds: The Headrow (0532 431313); Leicester: Humberstone Gate (0533 511111); Liverpool: 40 Ranelson Street (051-709 7000); Manchester: Market Street (041-236 2200)

Street, London SW1 (071-730 Street, London SW1 (071-730 6379); also at Liberty, Regent Street, London W1 (071-734 1234); St Christopher Place, St Albans (0727 602831); 13 Fitzroy Street, Cambridge (0223 323211), Jan 3-26. Ali walipapers reduced by 25 per cent; selected liabric at 27.50 per metre; 40 per cent off bed linen, selected lighting and ruos.

Laura Ashley, 7-9 Harriet Street, London SW1 (071-235 9797) and branches netlonaride (customer enquiries, 0628 770345). Dec 27 for two weeks. Lighting reduced by 30 per cent. Country Cotton turnishing fabric reduced from 28.45-29.45 to 21.99-23.99. Crimits fabric reduced from 29.90.411 fabric reduced from 59.90.411 fabric reduced fabric reduced from 59.90.411 fabric reduced from 59.90.411 fabric reduced from £9.99-£11.95 to £2.99-£3.99. Walipsper reduced from £6.95-£7.95 to £2.99. China and bed linen

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Villeroy & Boch, 203 Regent Street, London W1 (071-434 0249). Dec 28 to end of Jan. Reductions of 20 per cent off first quality cuttery, 30 per cent off per cent off crystal seconds.

FURMITURE

Back Store, 330 King Street, London W6 (081-741 5022), Jun 2 to end of Jan. 20 per cent off selected models, and 10-15 per cent off the range of ergonomically designed seating and furniture.

Furniture Store, 35-37 Churon Street, London NW8 (071-723 2776). Dec 27 for two weeks (closed Jan 1). Up to 30 per cent off A/s 4 Crems and ent deco

Simon Horn Purniture, 117-121 Wandsworth Bridge Roed, London SW6 (071-731 1279). Jan 2-31.10 per cent off furniture and rugs ordered in January.

Omega Furniture, 27 Wrights Lane, Kensington High Street, London W8 (071-938 2817); Delantero Floed, Cheshurt, Hertfordshire (0992 28494); 21 Old Town, Stevenage, Old Town, Stevenage, Hertfordshire (0438 722412). Dec 27-Feb 12. Up to £400 off selected shownorn models and 10 per cent discount on new orders

Town & Country Communications, 8-9 Murray Street, London NW1 (071-267 7050), Dec 29-Jen 19, 20 per cent off all speck furniture

KITCHENWARE

THE CAMER & KINGSON Store, Victoria Street, Southwold (0502 724222); 109 Unthank Road, Norwich (0603 613998). Jan 14-mid Feb. 25 per cent off selected Le Creuset items, Cusine Limoges porcelain oven-to-tubuware, Sebatter ham and salmon slicing knives and selected kitchen implements.

Elizabeth David, 3 North Row, The Market, Covent Garden, London WG2 (071-836 9167); also in Nason of Canterbury, 48-47 High Street, Canterbury (0227 456755) and in Keddles, High Street, Southend-on-Sea (0702 600461). Dec 27 for six weeks. Up to 40 per cent reductions on selected Le Creuset flems. 30 per cent off selected Apico chins. cent off selected Apilco china.

Divertimenti, 45-47 Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-835 0689) and 139-141 Fulham Rosd, London SW3 (071-581 8065), Jan 12 for two weeks. Reductions include 50 per cent off Trianon 20 per cent of Italian Blue Galling

PLANOS

Billimers, 8 Berkeley Square, London W1 (071-753 0533). Dec 27 to end Jan. Bluttmer 4t; 11in grand plano reduced from 211,715 to 29,950; Bechstein grand plano from 228,345 to 222,000.

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Astral Sports Superstere, Staples Corner, Geron Way, off Edgware Road, London NW2 (081-208 2155). Dec 26-Jan 20. One-fitti per cent off normal stock and reductions on ski wear, atig equipment, and received ski equipment, mutti gyms, rowing machines and gymnasiums. Lillywhites, Piccadilly Circus, London W1 (071-930 3181). Dec 27 for three weeks. Reductions of up to 50 per cent on selected items.

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Fruits of a little country living

two sons. Leo, aged 16, and Thomas, 13, put up the Christ- of the cottages, has a wing

shortly after he was born. furnish the cottage with pieces. They spend nearly every appropriate to the 18th cen-They spend nearly every weekend, Christmas, Easter holidays there. Sometimes wainscoting along the walls. they go during the week, when Professor Carey has writing to do or they have examination scripts to mark, "John does so much work at home, I thought it would be good for him to very peaceful in which to communities is another.
work," Mrs Carey says.

Lyncham is a time-stood-

There are bees at the bottom of Professor Carey's garden, 120,000 in three hives, which necessitate some of his commuting. "As it's so near, I

catching shrews and mice," he course. says, "which the boys would rescue and release on the other cat's clutches."

There are wrens and robins, and a woodpecker that comes every winter. Ancestors of their resident swallows held fessor Carey sits. So far they up the restoration of the have been successful in having cottage. "It is considered bad applications for the clubhouse" huck to disturb a swallow's and driving range rejected by nest, so the builders wouldn't the council, but they anxiously touch the outside until they'd flown," Mrs Carey says.

They bought the house as two derelict 18th century stone cottages, each with its like another world," Professor own earth closet and wash Carry says. "When we first

ohn Carey, literary critic and Merton professor of English literature at Oxford university, and his borrowed from everyone to do wife Gillian, senior tutor at so," Professor Carey says. Manchester college, left their home in Oxford last Saturday and half an hour later were collecting eggs and vegetables from the local farm while their two sons. Lee against 16 and 16 a

the entire ground floor of one mas tree in their village house chair and a chesterfield in front of the fire, and an oak The Careys bought the settle, inscribed 1736, along house when they were expect- the wall. On the whole, the ing Leo, and moved into it Careys say they have tried to tury. They have put shutters and most of the summer back inside the windows and

However, they are not pur-ists. A space-age bathroom superseded the earth closets. "I insisted on a whirlpool bath," Thomas says. Modern bathrooms are one thing; have somewhere different and commercialising entire rural

still village. Most of its residents farm or work in the area. For the past two years, Professor Carey has been campaigning, along with the rest of can come over on a summer the village, against a proposal evening to look at them." to develop 144 acres of There is also a stream. "Our agricultural land adjoining the previous cat was constantly village as an 18-hole gold

The community's reaction to the proposal, which began side of the stream out of the as a golf course and grew to include a 30 bedroom hotel, was to form Slam - Save Lynebam Action Movement - on whose committees Proawait the results of the appeal lodged by the developer.

"Although it's only half an hour away, the village seems

Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

No rest for this merry gentleman

notice, but during the carol foot-stamping and snorting, service the other night I was "We three kings..." in shifting as nervously as a troubled schoolboy. It was simply that the carols struck home in a way they never had in the days before I became a farmer. In nearly every hymn, a verse or a phrase set me off on an anxious train of thought, each one leading back to the farmyard.

No sooner had the boy soprano cut the air with his "Once in royal . . " than we arrived at the lowly cattle shed. As the proud owner of several cattle sheds of the most lowly state imaginable, I did not find any comfort in being reminded of the work, and money, needed to keep them standing until next Christmas. As for "Where a

mother laid her baby/in a manger for a bed . . .", it suddenly came to me that it was in the woodwormridden old cattle manger that I had left the spare breast for the plough. I've been looking for that for a week. Ah, the plough! It was a tradition in these eastern parts that good ploughmen should have turn-

ed all their land ing year, they would sleep on Christmas Eve with the breast of the plough beneath their beds. The congregation had reached "And our eyes at last shall see him . . "by the time I had been through all the parcels of land that was still unploughed. If I'm in bed with the plough by Easter I shall be lucky. Feeling weak at the thought, I was glad when the wicer asked us to be seated. vicar asked us to be seated.

But there was no rest. One lesson later "In the Bleak Midwinter" was annouced, and the organist attacked the opening notes with an enthusiasm that suggested he hadn't been forking 20 loads of horse-muck that morning. ... Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone." I shuddered - a mighty dread had filled my troubled mind. In a big freeze-up, which is bound to come some time, gallons of drinking water will have to be allow the thought of a freezercarried bucket by bucket from house to farmyard. It comes disturb me. to us via an electric pump in a well and if the power lines are herds watched..." and I rehas to tell the thirsty horses, electric fence. It is flat and the cows, pigs and piglets that flock will be roaming. God water is like a stone. Peace and rest ye merry gentlemen? goodwill will soon evaporate Some hope.

toned the vicar. Not much better. To be truthful, I've had a bellyful of wise men out of the east. I suspect there is a roving pack of retired farm-workers who bunt me down, not to dispense wisdom, but merely to haunt and undermine me. They stand watching me plough, and ignore the straight and neat furrows, but remark when one of them is less than perfect. "My ol' dad, he'd say that look like a dog's piddle in the snow ..." they declare, and burst into a laugh so deep that you know it is coming from the heart. Then you plough a near perfect furrow, but they won't say anything about that one. Our next hymn was "It

Came Upon a Midnight Clear". My ranging mind swung towards Alice, our sow, who is due her second litter on New Year's Eve. know she will have them at midnight because it was at that time she started when her first litter was born. Except that was in June,

when a midnight dash to check the

sty was quite pleasant. If things by Christmas Day, and to bring them luck for the follow-bring them luck for the follow-bring year, they would sleep on improvise. I have already intimated that there is ample precedent for mothers having to manage when there is no crib for a bed and I think Alice has got the message — I caught her shunting straw into corners yesterday.

> "THE cattle are lowing..."
> sang the choir. Of course they
> are. The bull arrived last week and his presence has put my maiden heifers completely off their food. Where once they used to issue a coarse, rasping "mooo" towards feeding time, they now moan a seductive melody which leads me to believe there will be little trouble from them this

Christmas. Heartened by that thought the Christmas spirit briefly wafted over me. Even when the soloist rose to sing the "Boar's Head Carol" I didn't full of unsold pork joints to

came here, the old man who then lived next door, but sadly has since died, had been born in the village and lived there all his life. Chipping Norton, only 15 minutes away, was a major expedition.

"Although that sort of thing is changing it's still true that the village has a different set of references and different priorities. People care about how the hens are laying, not pol-

The Careys cultivate a garden, with apples and quinces, cobnuts and cherries.
"Gill makes jam from the morello cherries and we make wine from our own vine and cider from the windfalls," Professor Carey says.

Leo intends to read English; Thomas, with an entrepreneurial acumen outstripping many City financiers, has £60 to put in the bank from his helichrysums he grew himself, red thistles and honesty hangs on the grandfather clock. "I sell internationally," he says impressively, "through an



ELUNED PRICE Weekend retreat: John and Gillian Carry with sons Leo and Thomas make the most of the garden at their second home in the Cotswold village of Lynehau

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Man-made homes for flying visits

Foresters are enticing rare birds back to the

Scottish Highlands by building them suitable roosts. Alastair Robertson reports

Young birds

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rext spring, 50 new homes with dramatic views over the north of Scotland will be offered free to anyone who wants them — provided they belong to the Pandion haliaetus family, the fish hawks or osprevs

Despite its skill in sneaking up on unsuspecting trout with the precision of a laser-guided air haphazard eyric builder: which is why Tony Hinde and Mick

Canham, who both work for the Forestry who both Commission's North Scotland Conservancy, have spent four winters building up a network of artificial cyries ready for

Mr Canham, aged 40, originally from Essex, has not only supervised the construction of 50 osprey eyries on comon land, but with Mr Hinde, he has masterminded the building of 660 bat roosting boxes, placed artificial Golden Eye duck nests in likely sites from Mull to

floating islands for the gravely endangered black-throated diver. With 55 district rangers devoted solely to conservation work, Mr Hinde, the chief conservation forester, and Mr Canham, the head conservation ranger, plot their operations over 1,211 square miles of commission territory, 827 square miles of it given over to trees stretching from the north end of Perthshire to the Shetland Islands. Their HQ is an isolated three-room but on the Ferness crossroads between Nairn and * Carrbridge. "It happens to be just about in the middle of our area,

and I live here," says Mr Hinde,

aged 45, who was born in Edin-

burgh and trained as a forester at Pitlochry in the late Sixties.

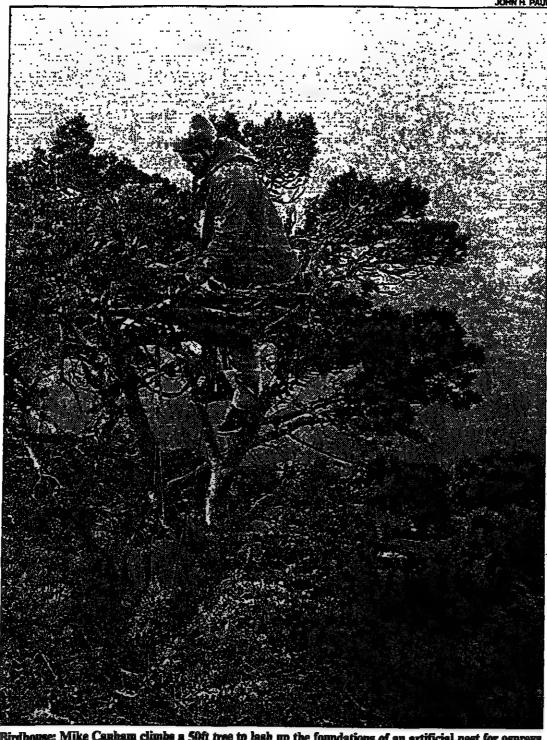
In spite of a gradual build-up in osprey numbers since they were reintroduced by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) to Loch Garten on Speyside in the early Fifties, Britain's total of 60 or so nesting pairs, almost double the 1985 figure, is well short of the 300 pairs experts believe the ecology can support. The populaeyries are "sort of giving them a leg up", says Mr Hinde. It is not that the bird is a lazy builder. On

the contrary, it is almined, mounting an unflagging series of stick drops on a likely treetop in the hope that one or two will eventually jam in the branches to form a foundation. Smart birds pick old crows' nests to work on.

However, by the time a bird has succeeded it may be too late in the season for successful breeding.
"The problem," Mr
Canham says, "is that
this is mainly a young population and there are not enough experienced birds who know

John o' Groats and built 12 how to build eyries. Valuable young birds who may have the instinct but are short on knowhow. I have found trees with piles of sticks around the bottom and

nothing on top."
Building a successful artificial, or substitute, eyrie is simple enough. First, find a prominent tree near water (Douglas fir is very desirable), preferably somewhere that is not going to be discovered immediately by egg-raiders and, ideally, with a handy look-out for off-duty birds. In three hours, barring accidents, Mr Canham and his rangers can nail up a triangular foundation, lash in bundles of sticks two to three feet long. infill with smaller twigs and top it off with two bags (RSPB instruc-



Birdhouse: Mike Canham climbs a 50ft tree to lash up the foundations of an artificial nest for ospreys

tions are precise) of moss, lichen, and dead white grass to attract the eye of a house-hunting bird.

Four of the Forestry Commisaion's substitute eyries were occu-pied this year and, if Mr Hinde and Mr Canham have picked the right spots, more will be occupied over a wider area when the birds

return from Africa next spring.
The foresters' work with the black-throated diver has been not so much giving the bird a "leg up" as trying to save it from extinction. The Hinde/Canham floating islands are a lifeline for the bird, whose numbers may now be down to 160 pairs in the UK. Unlike the osprey, the diver is easily put off by humans, and the increased activity of fishermen may be playing

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The diver's other problem is that while it is a slick operator in water, it is a virtual cripple on land. "Its legs are right at the back of its body and it can walk only very short distances," Mr Canham says. "It nests close to water, but if there is a flood the nest is swept away and if there's a drought, the nest can be left high and dry."

The answer is floating islands. Whatever the water level, a floating island planted with enticing turfs and grasses ensures the nest's position in relation to the water's edge remains constant.
Early designs failed but Mr

Hinde came up with the idea of bolting together sheets of polystyrene. The 12st by 8st rast is wrapped in sacking to soak up water, anchored with chicken wire

and stocked with waterside plants. The edges are bevelled with a chain saw, so the diver can climb up or down a gentle slope.

The birds are impressed. mixture of 11 diver chicks, blackthroated and the marginally less threatened red-throated, hatched this year on the islands double last year's figure.

So realistic are the islands that they fool both bird and man. "One party of fishermen had great success near one island, but the next morning it had gone," Mr Canham says. "They were quite worried — thought they'd overdone the Glenmorangie - until we explained it had broken loose overnight and was down the other end of the loch."

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Originals: Carol Keyes Goddard, dummy board artist

The cutting edge of naïve art

in her native Virginia were a familiar sight to the artist, Carol Keyes Goddard. She knew the waiting forms for what they were: dummy boards. Painted, life-sized cut-outs of animals have long been popular in the United States, where they recall naïve art, and were fashionable in Georgian and

They often depicted children, and were sometimes seated at a table in the place of a dead child. When Mrs Goddard moved from America to the Cotswolds in the early Eighties, she was inspired

to revive the art by such magnificent specimens as Gloucestershire Old Spot pigs. Then she began to paint dummy boards of badger groups and a fox, followed by a handsome white goose. Later came teddy bears and doves.

"Suddenly Country Cut Outs had become a going concern," says Mrs Goddard, who majored in fine arts in the US and went on to study painting at Fontainebleau in France. "I never dreamt that what started as a pastime would exert such appeal." Now her cut-outs, painted under her maiden name, Carol Keyes, are being sold by Harrods and the General Trading Company, as well as by Macy's in New York. A store in The Netherlands will take all the teddy bears and geese she can produce, and she is setting orders from

Her Gloncestershire studio resembles a frozen menagerie. The cut-outs, which cost from £90, are painted with oils, varnished and then treated to produce a crazypaved, antique look. "I use ply-

FOXES peering from Dutch barns wood for the cut-outs, which I make using a sabre saw and jigsaw. They vary because every one is painted by hand," she says.

She became aware of dummy boards as an English art tradition through a commission. "I was asked to make a board similar to one sold earlier this year through a London auction house," she says. "It was an 18th century design of a girl holding a posy of flowers with a dog seated at her feet. Its selling price was estimated at £1,800. My customer was a disappointed bidder."

She has softened the expression of the pouting little girl in the original since, Mrs Goddard says, we agreed it would be rather reproachful to live with". Another dummy board, a 17th century pear wood figure, was given a £500 to £800 estimate in the same sale.

Modern dummy boards are also popular; featuring children and animals, they are used as both art and furniture. Mrs Goddard plans to produce cut-outs as fire screens, doorstops, beds and door frames.

Recent commissions for Mrs Goddard include a life-sized dummy board of a child on a Shetland pony, and a huntsman on his horse — with hounds. And for an apartment dweller in New York Mrs Goddard produced a life-sized, red-haired beauty, in the style of a Klimt painting, made to sit in a huge mock inglenook fireplace, as one man's ideal of a woman to come home to.

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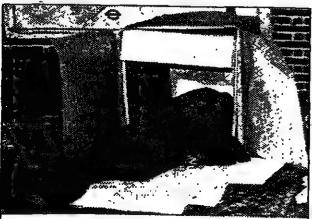
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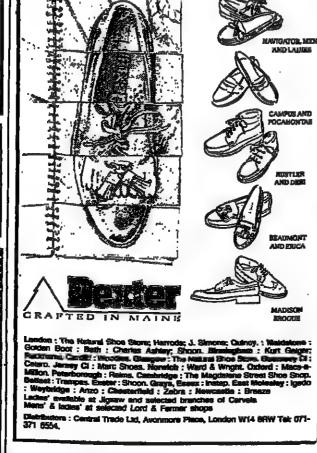
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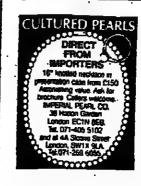
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● JANUARY Boom: Sotheby's unveils Renoir's Au Moulin de la Galette. The painting, of weekend revellers at Montmartre, they say. may break the world record of \$53 million (£30.2 million) for art. Christie's announces slightly less ambitious plan to sell Van Gogh's Dr Gachet, a portrait of the tragic artist's homoeopathic doctor, at an estimated £22

Gloom: A Bernini bust of Pope Gregory XV fails not only to break the world record for a sculpture but to sell at all, at Christie's New York, in the first disaster of the season. The estimate, of \$7 million, is scorned (retrospectively) as being too ambitious. Meanwhile, Alan Bond, the Australian entrepreneur who paid that \$53.9 million in 1987 for Van Gogh's painting Irises (only for it to emerge later that Sotheby's had loaned half the money), admits he will sell for the "right price".

FEBRUARY Boom: Citibank expands its art buying facilities into Europe, encouraging owners to use their collections as collat-eral. Sotheby's has its best minor Impressionist sale in London, at £3.53 million with 12 per cent unsold.

MARCH Boom: British artist Stanley Spencer hits the big time when his Resurrection: Waking up sells for £770,000 at Christie's to Bernard Jacobson, the London dealer. The same sale has records for Gwen John (£18),500) and L.S. Lowry (£104,500), leading to

How art took a hammering

speculation that British painting is at last catching up. J.M.W. Turner's watercolour of Hampton Court Palace raises a record £473,000, and a 15th century Ming bowl breaks pre-vious prices for Chinese porcelain at £815,000, Christie's Hong Kong. The market, according to the expert Colin Sheaf, is "red hot" and fuelled with Japanese and Taiwanese money. "They've got a lot of money and they are learning how to collect." Other

records include £7.3 million for a

Modigliani in Paris, and £1.76 million for two bathing beauties

by Anders Zorn in London. Gloom: Alan Bond sells Irises to the Getty Museum in a deal which is said to have lost him money. None of the parties concerned - Sotheby's, the Getty and Mr Bond - will discuss the

APRIL Gloom: Unprecedented failure rate for the London Impressionist sales. The total of £37.6 million for Sotheby's Part I sale compares with £68.8 million for the equivalent sale last year. A dossier purporting to prove the murder of the Russian imperial family at the hands of revolutionaries also goes unsold at Sotheby's London, in spite of an estimate of £500,000. But a

and ruddy bathing belles sold in New York last October, only 14

out of 72 Belgian paintings found buyers at Christie's. Impression-

ism - the erstwhile darling of the auctioneers, having provided 39 per cent of Christie's total sales

Elsewhere, the market is a minefield of conflicting evidence.

Bennie Gray, owner of Alfies

Antique Market in London, for

example, sent shivers through the

memory." But Bonhams, his auction house counterpart, reported

cent, to £23.3 million, with 77 per

As for the Contemporary mar-

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have virtually closed down the New York scene. In London, the

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Orient galleries have closed in the

Portobello Road area, while Wad-

dington Galleries on Cork Street

has sustained three redundancies.

Yet the Angela Flowers and

In general some categories, such

as modern British art and picture frames, are wobbly but still ca-pable of great heights, while others, such as quality Old Master

paintings and jewellery, are excel-ling. Witness the £355,000 for Ava

Gardner's trousseau and the strong prices at Christie's Old Master sale on December 14,

climaxing in a record £2.42 mil-

lion for the Spanish artist Murillo.

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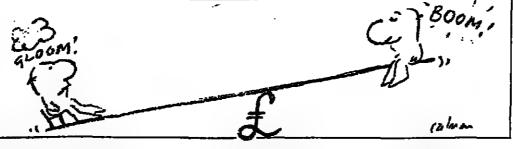
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last year - is in dismal retreat.



disastrous sale of Russian avantgarde paintings at Sotheby's, with 76 per cent unsold, is followed by an outstanding success for similar material at Christie's.

Row: Sotheby's gets more flak after announcing that it has become dealers to 2,300 paintings, valued at \$300 million (£187.5 million) from the Pierre latisse gallery in New York. The plan is to sell them both at auction and privately. Anger from the trade, which says auctioneers should be agents, not

MAY Boom: Stanley Spencer's record soars to £1.3 million for The Crucifixion at Sotheby's. Records include the £1.15 million for English silver, and £3.6 million for Pop art when Kiss II, a Roy Lichtenstein cartoon image,

sells to a Japanese industrialist in New York. The Christie's New York auction includes ten records for individual artists, but cracks are appearing with 26 out of 77 lots unsold. Van Gogh's Dr Gachet smashes the world record for any art work at Christie's New York, selling to the Japanese paper manufacturer Ryoei Saito for £49.7 million. Two nights later, Mr Saito instructs his dealer to pay up to \$100 million for Renoir's Au Moulin de la Galette. He clinches it at £46 million.

market Row: The London dealer Leslie Waddington attacks auctioneers for "insanely" high estimates on the contemporary sales. "The

creating a supersonic price struc-

ture for supremely desirable art

works, and further confusing the

estimates are 50 per cent above my retail prices," he says. Gloom: No buyers for St Peter in Prison, the first fully accepted Rembrandt to come on the market since 1986.

JUNE Boom: Record for a pink diamond when the Agra, reputed to have glinted from the turban of the 16th century Mogul emperor Babur, sells for £4.07 million (three times estimate) at Christie's. Lord Leighton's painting Dante in Exile just misses the world record for a Victorian painting when it is bought at Sotheby's by Andrew Lloyd Webber for £1.1 million. Buddy Holly's black plastic glasses fetch £26,529; a painting, Boutique Fantastique, raises the record for the Englishman Ben Nicholson to £1.21 million at Christie's.

Gloom: Thirty Impressionist works sell at Sotheby's London, but 39 do not. Lord Gowrie blames vendors who refused to lower reserves. Casualties include a classic pastel of dancers by Degas, which fails to sell at Sotheby's (estimate £4 million; unsold at £3.4 million). Best performer. Chagall at £1.98 million and £1.43 million. At Christie's: 34 out of 66 lots fail to sell. JULY Boom: Record for furniture when the Badminton Cabinet, removed after two and a half

centuries from Badminton House, Gloucester, fetches £8.58 miliion.

Gloom: Sotheby's left to foot the bill when the star Old Master painting. The Hare in the Forest by the Prague court artist Hans Hoffmann, fails to sell. The painting estimated at £2 to £3 million, was guaranteed, which means Sotheby's has to pay out a prearranged sum to the vendor. OCTOBER Boom: A blue diamond of 19.41 carats fetches a record \$5.5 million (£2.82 million) at Christie's New York in a sale which is a Christie's jewellery record at \$31 million.

Gloom: Bad results coming in hard and fast, with 38 per cent of Christie's Hong Kong sale of 19th and 20th century paintings un-

loved, and 41 per cent of Sotheby's New York's Himalayan and Southeast Asian. Scandinavian paintings are given an 86 per cent thumbs-down at Sotheby's New York.

NOVEMBER, Boom: El Greco's record soars to £1.69 million at Edmund Peel in Madrid, in spite of a heritage export ban. There are new records for European silver at £560,652; while Constable's *The Lock* breaks the world record for a British painting thanks to Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza's £10.78 million bid at Sotheby's. A Mozart manuscript equals the record for a single musical manuscript at Sotheby's, at £880,000.

Gloom: Elizabeth Taylor's Van Gogh, The Asylum and the Cha-pel at St Remy, shunned in London. Only 25 per cent of Christie's Impressionist offering sells, for a total of £10.3 million. Sotheby's equivalent sale raised £6.69 million for 39 lots, compared to £66.8 million for 78 lots last year.

Confusion: The Henry Ford II collection of Impressionist paint-ings, guaranteed at \$20 million, is a disaster, but the New York season picks up momentum,

DECEMBER, Gloom: Forty-six per cent unsold at Christie's Chinese export porcelain sale, London: 44.4 per cent of Sotheby's Modern British unsold, Announcement of massive

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The best of times and the worst of times: Sarah Jane Checkland looks at conflicting

reports on the state of the art market

ord Gowrie's approach to the art market slump was to announce the joyous news that Sotheby's, of which he is chairman, is building "exciting" new auction premises outside London. The plan, the former arts minister said with politician's guile, was part of a rationalising process for the Nineties. It took persistent questioning to draw out what he had left in parentheses - that the plan, entailing the closure of Sotheby's two provincial outlets, Chester and Billingshurst, also meant 80

redundancies in Britain alone. In contrast, Lord Carrington of Christie's went for beroic gestures of defeat when he announced his results last week. Following the halving of his company's turnover for the autumn season, from £675 million to £334 million, he said that 145 members of staff were being sacrificed to the common weal. The noble lord promised to fall, if not on his sword then on his salary, which he has frozen at £146,000.

Meanwhile, in direct contrast, a number of quality London dealers were reporting sensational returns for their current exhibitions.

Seventy-five per cent of the Mui-fei jade exhibition sold within hours at Bluett, the oriental gallery; Eskenazi has sold 103 of its [4] Japanese lacquer items, for a total of £3.1 million. After two days, the running total for Trinity Fine Art's Old Master drawings at Harari & Johns was £750,000. So what is the true state of the

art market as we end 1990? Judging from the auction diary above, the year has been one of erratic performance masked by hype. Auctioneers focused our minds on the upper end of the pendulum's swing (in particular Van Gogh's Dr Gachet and Renoir's Au Moulin de la Galette, sold for a total of £95 million), passing briskly over the disasters.

The two big houses' glossy reviews of the year, just published, are good examples of the hype. In his introduction, Lord Carrington revels in the highs, with no mention of the flops.

Sotheby's tome waxes lyrical about an auction house being "an expression of man's best hopes in sustaining that most ennobling part of common life we call civilisation. And as we have depended on those who created works of art, who gathered them, who cared for them, so the future depends on us.'

Meanwhile, new markets such as Scandinavian and Belgian painting went down the chute. Fewer than half Sotheby's paintings of austere northern scenes

the money for art buying is still there. According to the dealer Giuseppe Eskenazi, recent events 603 0380), from 10.30am, there

> Thursday December 27: The 80stand Antique and Collectors' Fair at the Allendale Centre, Wimborne, Dorset (0590 677687) has much for the impecunious and toys and old wireless sets, at prices ranging from £5 to £500.

• Friday December 28: The Collectors' Market in Edgbaston, Warwickshire County Cricket Ground (021-743 2259) caters







Boom, gloom and dealer takes all: (from left) Stanley Spencer's record-breaking The Crucifixion, a failed Degas pastel, and a Japanese writing box sold for £350,000 by Eskenazy

have made the market "twotiered", with deals continuing to take place between dealer and dealer, collector and collector, but by-passing the auction houses. Auction prices are, it appears, no longer an indication of the market.

lower end of the market this month by an open letter to the Antiques Trade Gazette saying: "Right now the antique trade at every level is going through what is probably its darkest period in manual." But Bookean his and Twenty years ago, the convention was for auction valuations to prices, with the reserve (or lowest price at which the vendor agrees to sell) at 30 to 40 per cent below that. Recently, the insanity of speculation caused this to be reversed. As Leslie Waddington, king of London's contemporary art mecca, Cork Street, com-plained after last May's contem-porary sales, the estimates had been 50 per cent above his retail prices. "We have a lot of amateurs over-estimating pictures at a time when there has been a tightening of money," he said. The short term meant unprecedented growth for the auction houses. The medium term is the present problem. Who knows what next?

The sickest investors must be the smart alecs spurred on by the hype, who this time last year boasted how much they had paid for a given work, and now cannot sell on for love or money.

The happiest investors must be the British Rail Pension Fund managers who, having started collecting in the early Seventies, Vanessa Devereux galleries say they are doing well. Both were rewarded by their initiative in exhibiting at the recent Los Angeles art fair, thus seeking out one pocket of the American market got out of Impressionism, Chinese ceramics and Victorian paintings in the past year. The fact that they have kept their Old Masters looks like further good housekeeping.

BACK in the recession of 1974, Sotheby's then chairman, Peter Wilson, cunningly lined up the British Rail Pension Fund managers to soak up all the unloved top lots. "If three of four other funds were to enter the running, an artificial price spiral would be virtually inevitable," The Times warned. With such investors trying to cool their charred fingers after the collapse of that spiral, who can Sotheby's turn to now? The only people to make money

from buying and selling art have done so through luck, not design. It is time to return to the old wisdom that art should be bought, not for investment, but for love.

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• Sunday December 30: The Brocante Fair at the Maltings, Ely. Cambridgeshire (04858 606) is genteel, offering rugs and samplers, furniture and china. Best offering is a brocade and gilt screen and matching firescreen.

New Year's Day: The fifth annual Wimbledon Antique Fair, at Southlands College, Parkside, SW19 (081-946 6593) has, from 10am, 70 stands supplying the usual carpets, rugs, silver, jewellery, as well as one offering fountain pens (next year's Christmas present). This is also the last day of the popular three-day Stafford antique fair, at Pavilion Halls, County Showground (0743 271444), starting at 10.30am.



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● Tomorrow: A wide range of silver, porcelain, pottery, glass, and textiles ranging from £5 to £20,000 can be had at the fair in London's Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly from 11am (071-794 3551). Up the road at the Sheraton Park Tower, 101 Knightsbridge (071-

are more baubles in the form of jewellery and silver. From 10am, the Felbridge Hotel, East Grinstead, Sussex (0273 204836) has 65 eager exhibitors from the southeast offering a wide range of antiques. Prices from £10 to £600, including a selection of good early Worcester from 1765 onwards.

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The rest of the world loves them; publishers say that we soon will. Joseph Connolly on the rise of the graphic novel in Britain

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he cult of the graphic novel is in the ascendent. The term is a rather pretentious catch-all soubriquet for full-length stories in comic strip form aimed at youngish adults. Those with a vested interest - the importers of what tends to be a largely American product, together with the small number of specialist UK publishers - have for many years at-tempted to impress this fact upon the British consciousness. But -now there is a willingness among mainstream publishers to commit big investments to the genre.

Allied to that is the evident eagerness of large bookselling chains to devote generous amounts of floorspace to the increasingly large array of eyecatching - some would say gar-ish - material. All of which has finally propelled this latest

phenomenon to the forefront of book trade agendas. The big push to make comics for adults "respectable" is underway. Nevertheless, an uphill struggle is foreseen. The British, despite our rich heritage of caricature and children's comics, still seem to wrestle with guilt feelings that run deep when

it comes to the comics, because comics are inextricably linked with childhood. Although it may possibly be considered witty to confess freely to taking both *The Times* and the *Beano*, there are not yet many adults catching up with a spletting the Beat with the exploits of the Bash Street Kids.

The ingrained belief remains that comics should be either disdained from on high or guiltily enjoyed behind closed doors. Foreigners - and particularly the Americans, Japanese and French

view this attitude as typically
British, predictably snobbish and perfectly mad. In America adulation of cartoon characters and comics has long been a way of life (the fan clubs for Batman and Superman boasting more members than the Conservative Party in this country), and in Japan graphic novels outsell almost everything. France has built the world's first museum devoted to animation and comic book art at-Angoulème, and French appetitie for the new-style graphic novel is said to be insatiable — due in part, perhaps, to their love for such antecedents as Tintin and Asterix.

All these countries treat the graphic novel with deference. Is there something about the British permit us to take any form of

comic remotely seriously?
Ravi Mirchandani — the senior editor at Penguin in charge of the current programme of 12 to 16 graphic novels per year - is wary of the genre being promoted as "serious", but is nevertheless at pains to distance Penguin produc-tions from the cheap pulp fiction that floods other sectors of the market. "We are certainly aiming at a more sophisticated audience - the sort of people who bought Maus in the Eighties". Art Spiegelman's Maus - first

published in this country halfway through the Eighties - is a shocking and extremely effective transposition of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, the characters portrayed simplistically as mice (see inset, left). It remains one of the most respected graphic novels, selling 30,000 copies to date.

What the book has in common with another classic - Raymond Briggs' chilling cautionary tale about nuclear devastation, When the Wind Blows is that the deliberately naive medium is so at odds with the import of the subject matter as to underline its significance

a hundredfold. "This is the graphic novel at its best," agrees Mirchandani. "But we publish more commercial titles, too."

The two graphic novels cited by most devotees as being the most revered and influential are Frank Miller's Batman: The Dark Knight Returns (the graphic bestseller of all time, with sales in the UK of 75,000 since 1986) and the captivatingly drawn Watchmen (1987) by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons. Both of these are published by the leader in the field: Titan Books, which has produced more than 250 titles during its ten-year history. "We never print less than. 10,000 copies," says its publicist, Nick Griffiths, and sales get better as we get more shop space."

So who are all these people, evidently buying hundreds of thousands of graphic novels each year, at between £7 and £10 a time - when most of the bookbuying public remain unaware of their existence? "A fairly sophisticated audience is what we have," says Griffiths. "People who respond to a quality package." This sounds vasue, but it appears to be the market into which Gollancz a publisher noted for its sciencefiction list — is eager to tap.

"I hate putting an age to our uyers," says Faith Brooker, edi-



Future form for the Nineties novel? Single frame from the popular adult comic, Watchmen

tor of 1991's launch into the field, "but I suppose from about 17 to early 30s." Male? "Yes, I'm afraid so. It's almost exclusively male territory." Here would appear to be the stumbling block. Despite all the publishers' claims for sophistication, and the undoubted quality of the artwork, the titles with the hest profile are, with notable

exceptions, still little more than extremely long versions of the American Marvel and DC comics of the Fifties. Few originate in Britain, and virtually all seem obsessed with fantasy, caped crusaders and the supernatural, with a smattering devoted to the surreal, whose endings are so inconclusive as to be maddening.

Huns exchange

But if we are to believe the enthusiasts, we are still glimpsing barely the tip of the iceberg. Soon, they say, every type of fiction may be presented in comic-strip format, and the genre will cater for every class, gender and age group. "Watch out for the graphic novel," warns Faith Brooker. "Its time has come."

Broad strokes from the brushcut idol

ROCK Billy Idol Wembley Arena

CARTOON rock is a term often used when Billy Idol's music is under discussion. Is this fair? Never a convincing punk, Idol has responded to the demands of pop-stardom with unbridled enthusiasm. Some people find his mixture of macho swagger, bombast and sublety confusing and so diamiss him for a lack of either clear seriousness or unchannelled

His first British concerts since a near-fatal motorcycle accident were Idol's opportunity to reinvest his image with some local credibility. The Wembley stage set – inspired by the aesthetic sensibilities of a ghost-train designer, seemingly—certainly embraced the cartoon stigma. A huge mechanical fist revolved

and raised a finger: from behind a door, Billy appeared in silhouette and limped forward. Was the walking stick a prop or a crutch? Although he quickly abandoned it, his movements were obviously restricted. At times his stiff-legged pose was uncannily reminiscent of the late Gene Vincent (an Idol idol), another victim of a motorcycle accident. Such images from history, set alongside the rock and fairground iconography, are all a part of Idol's mastery of melodrama. Songs such as "Cra-dle of Love" from the recent Charmed Life album, or "Eyes Without a Face" sounded impressive, but self-debunking asides from Idol or explosions of noise from the remarkable guitarist, Mark Younger-Smith, kept proceedings on a level that this audience — waiting to punch the air to "Rebel Yell" — would

rinderstand. It must be said that Idol is not Pavarotti. He tended to rush his lines, and some songs were approached in a variety of keys before settlements were reached. But Billy's innocent charm transcended mere technical imitations.



Innocent charm: Idel

winded story (the inspiration behind that attractive Fifties-style ballad, "Sweet Sixteen") about the building of Florida's kitsch Coral Castle could have been disastrous: instead, our gaze grew fonder. As kitsch as Coral Castle himself, Idol played the image to the last ounce, yet behind the cartoon, an original musical brain was at work.

DAVID TOOP

Jollity in Verona

THEATHENINE Romeo and Juliet. The Pantomime Finborough Theatre Club, Earl's Court

NEW Heritage Theatre Company was faunched in September with a play about the childhood of the four Brontés. Before taking the work on a national tour, the company let its hair down with 80 minutes - no interval - of innocuous jollity by way of an end-ofterm romp.

The star-cross'd lovers of Verone, "Earls Court's twin town", are transmogrified into pantomime. Romeo is, of course, a thigh-slapping principal boy (whom Sally Dumbar's unwavering smile invests with either satirical comment or cheerful imbecility). Juliet is a freckled bookworm mistreated by her wicked Capulet stepmother and clownish step brothers, Paris and Tibby. Nursey is a female dame (Karia Goodman), a fit north-country mate for Fairy Laurence

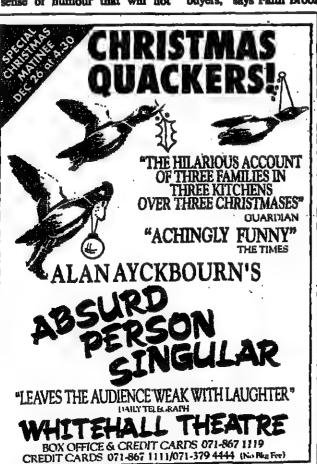
(Colin Heber-Percy). He is not

much more efficient than his bardic original, but does at least engineer a happy ending.

Graham Callan (director) and Fran Cooper (designer) worked wonders with the tiny space available. Bright flats swivel to provide scene changes; the eight-strong cast, including a Scottish policeman called McPlod played by a girl in a beard, goes briskly through its paces accompanied by Harvey Eagles on keyboard and percussion. All pleasant enough, if lacking bite: the show leaves one eager to see more in particular of Mary Harvey, whose Juliet hints at strength and thoughtfulness, and Samantha Spiro. The latter's tip-roaring attack as a Lady Capulet with blue eyeliner and fingernails puts most of the panto season's evil fairies in the shade.

MARTIN HOYLE

 Boxing Day in The Times: Jeremy Kingston presents a guide to the best holiday shows for children; Geoff Brown reviews the new films opening that day; and Benedict Nightingale reveals his choice of the finest theatre production of 1990



THE SUNDAY TIMES Del Boy's big break

"The writer, John Sullivan, was, to put it delicately, terrified of my playing the character. He had only seen me as . Granville, and he just couldn't believe I could produce the streetwise energy and toughness.

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David Jason, in The

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hell for leather piece of social commentary is the humour he extracts.

Attila Grand, Leeds

DUSTY it may be; boring it clearly is not. The Royal Opera exhumed Verdi's early opera earlier this autumn. Now, Opera North presents its rather sparkier production, and has a hit on its hands.

Directed by Ian Judge (reponsible for the company's highly successful Showboat), the production places its emphasis, perhaps inevitably with this director, on tongue-in-cheek flamboyance. Yet even Judge's most ardent supporters could hardly have anticipated the enthusiasm of the first-night andience when confronted by hordes of barbarians clad, not in the traditional hair and fur, but in

There is something engagingly camp about Judge's conception, although the images are fierce enough. After all, the rampaging Mad Max bikers conjured up within the theatre are not dissimilar to those on the streets outside. But what redeems his imagery from being another angst-ridden a fine combination of power

Yobs they may be; but his Huns are also endearing. Judge's willingness to embrace the vulgarity of the early Verdi idiom, and his implicit admission that putting ram-paging hordes on stage has always been a bit of a giggle, allows his actors to indulge freely in energetic hamming.

Striding and strutting, John Tomlinson's magnificently sung Attila becomes an engagingly daft mixture of bravado and paranoia. He beartily embraces cliché after cliché – striding down to the audience to make his points and does it with an innate theatricality that brings us far closer to the essence of stagecraft than any number of

cerebral anti-heroes.

Perhaps it is just as well; for and control that it surely in Karen Huffstodt's ferocious defies criticism. Odabella he has a formidable opponent. Clad in Madonnastyle breastplate and wielding a sword at the slightest provocation, she is not so much the face of militant feminism as seductress turned warrior. Yes, the constant preening and posing suggest more the world of 1950s comics than 5th-century Rome. But the singing is such



Formidable: Karen Huffstodt as Odabella and John Tomlinson in the title role

If the action has, for the most part, the subtlety of a buildozer, the music-making is exquisitely poised under the direction of the conductor Paul Daniel. Among a fine cast. Edmund Barham is striking as Foresto, and the orchestra is as adept at realising the storms of Verdi's score as its lyrical passages.

SIMON CARGILL

Just as fruity as ever

STATE OF THE STATE The Love for Three Oranges Coliseum

THE chorus at the start of Prokofiev's manic opera is split into factions demanding different kinds of entertainment: tragedy, comedy, farce, poetic romance, unheard-of grotesquerie. Well, Richard Jones's production provides them all in exuberant overspill. This is laughter in the dark, a torrent of theatrical invention where hilarity flips over into nightmare and back again, a show whose energy and magic and smart perfor-

when it was first presented by Opera North; it was a triumph for the ENO last year; and it is a triumph again as their 1990 Christmas show, faithfully revived by Tim Hopkins.

What also distinguishes this new run is the orchestral performance under Martin André. The sheer sound is thrilling: fizzing with bril-liance, full of unusual rich-nesses (the case is made for Prokofiev as a composer of and Fiona Kimm's snotty-Ravel-like imaginative precision), rhythmically tight, and using discipline as a tool to screw up the savagery and the princess the prince eventually high colour. What one hears from the pit is as crazy and wonderful as what one sees on the stage.

As for the principals, many mances and vigorous bad taste of them have been here before, other surprises, happen. will appeal to anyone out of but their performances are as nappies. It was a triumph wild and full as ever. Paul

Harrhy is buoyant as the jester who has much of the burden of the vocal music and of the plot, such as it is; Alan Woodrow is the valiant hero of a prince he leads to the rescue of the three oranges.
The baddies are well represented by Donald Maxwell's loathsome, dripping, lascivious Leander, Anne Collins's bullish Clarissa, Phyllis Can-nan's forceful Fata Morgana nosed schoolgirl Smeraldina. Rosa Mannion does her stuff as the beautiful, sweet-voiced wins; Annemarie Sand and Melanie Armistead are also delightful before they die of

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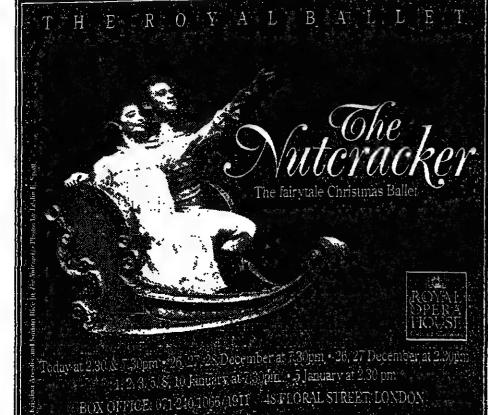
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by Sarah Greene and Phillip Schoheld Cliff Richard is among the many guests, as are Su Pollard and Jeffrey Holland from You Rang M'Lord? who take part in a celebrity Double Dare competing against Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson from Birds of a Feather. Nick Conway and Victor McGuire (Jack and Billy from Bread) also pop in to the studio. Plus music, competitions, videos and cartoons.

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to afteration) 12.20 and 1.30 Rallycross: the Motaquip British Grand Prix from Brands Hatch 12.45, 1.15 and 1.50 Racing from Chepstow; 1.00 News, 2.05 Rugby League: five coverage of the Regal Trophy semi-final between Rochdale and Bradford Northern at Headingley, 3.50 Football half-times, 4.00 Golf: coverage of a chanty skins game at Sunningdale between ian Woosnam, Wayne Grady, Jose-Maria Olazabal and Sandy Lyla, 4.35 Final Score 5.05 News with John Humphrys Weather

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7.30 Les Dennis Christmas Laughter Show. The comedian is joined by guests as they go through their comic routines and bizarre sketches in this festive edition of his show.

8.00 Film; Innerspace (1987) The Steven Spielberg production line rolled out this unpredictable sci-fi movie about a ministrinsed air rolled out this unpredictable sci-fi movie about a ministrinsed air torce fiver being injected into the body of a supermarket clark. An enjoyable comedy that owes much to the Suties sci-fi classic Fantastic Voyage. The special effects won an Oscar None of the cast, which includes Dennis Quad. Martin Short and Meg Ryan, did Directed by Joe Dante, whose first film, also for Spielberg, was

Gremins (Ceetax)
9.55 News with John Humphrys (Ceetax) Sport and weather



Patal attraction: Roy Schelder and Meryl Streep (10.15pm)

10.15 Film: Still of the Night (1982) Roy Scheider as a psychiatrist attracted to a women (Meryl Streep) who may have murclered one of his patients in this wayward homage to Altred Hitchcock Slick and enjoyable up to a point, with some set pieces deliberately reminiscent of North by Northwest, but as the plot thickens it reveals large holes and ineffectual namative. Directed by Robert

11,45 Eurythmics Live. Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart filmed on the Figure Time of their Revenge tour in Sydney, demonstrating why they are one of Britain's most exciting live bands. They are seen performing "There Must Be An Angel", "Sweet Dreams" and "Sisters Are Doing It for Themselves"

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10.30 Percy French Remembered. The songwiller, entertainer, poet, Hercy French Hernemotereus. The surgemen, emertainer, poet, water colourst and humanst is recalled by the daughter. Ette in her S3rd year. Contributors include Brenden. O'Dowda, James N Healy, Courtney Kenny and members of the French family (r)-Wates The Honeymooners (b/w) 11 00 Carols For Christmas from S1 David's Hall. Cardiff 12:00-12 15pm Animation Now

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2.50 Carots in the Knemin. The story of a boys' choir from Sestord, West Sussex, which went carol anging in Moscow last year.

3.20 Catchward Summborator.

3.20 Beethoven Symphonies.

© CHOICE: Over the next formight BBC2 is broadca performances of the nine Beethoven symphonies given by the London Classical Players under Roger Normigion. In using restruments of the period, or copies of them, the archestra has tried to reproduce the sounds of the early 19th cent tred to reproduce the sounds of the serry test caseiny, the project has already been realised on record, with majority opinion favouring Norrington's tresh and lively interpretations but dissenters arguing that by going back to Beethoven's contentious instructions on tempo he has secrificed the spirit for the letter. There has been particular argument over Norrington's interpretation of the slow shovement of the Ninth Symphony, which interpretation of the slow shovement of the Ninth Symphony, which in his version comes out almost twice as last as convi versions in this curtain-raiser Norrington talks about his quest for uthentic Beethoven and then to answer his criscs. Symphony No

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1 is being given fromorow at 3pm.
3.50 Film: Doctor Zhivago (1965) Starring Omar Sharif, Julie Christie,
Geraldine Chaplin, Rod Steiger, Alec Guinness, Tom Courteney
and Raiph Richardson Pasternak's epic is brought to the screen
by writer Robert Bolt and director Devid Lean, who jettson the
constanting the actual law a symphosymbolish of the order. by writer Hobert Bost and Grecker Devid Clark, who platest the complexity of the novel for a sumptuously photographed love story between Yun Zhwego, doctor and post, and the unattainable Lare. Maurice Jame's acore spawned an international song hit. (Ceefax) 6.55 World Disabled Garnes. Highlights (1)

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ack-packing to John O'Groats: Jose Ackland (9.55pm)

First and La-© CHOICE: First shown this time last year, Michael Frayn's outstanding drame has since gathered an Emmy eward and now gets a deserved repeat in two parts, with the concluding section tomorrow. The success of the piece is all the more remarkable as tomorrow The success of the piece is all the more remarkable as the central character had to be re-cast helf way through shooting after the sudden death of Ray McAnally, although Joes Acidend's fine performance shows no sign of hasty substitution. Acidend plays a recently retired office worker who leaves the comfortable routine of London surburbs to welk from Land's End to John O'Grosts. The journey reveals the relationship of this middinernanced, stubborn and secretive men with his fussy, doing wile (Pat Haywood), the neighbours (Patnois Routledge and Lions) Jeffnes) and his grown-up children. Furnity and metanoholic by turn. First and Last is a notify todured piece with hardly a

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Lawrence Trimble Drame set in 13th-century France about an
ageing baron's beautiful young wife who finds herself the object of descript certain a security young were who mittee nersent the object of descre for a lecherous King and his page. An adult fany tale, visually stunning and crammed with allegory and symbolism. Directed by Walenan Borowczyk. In French with English subtities.

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11.90 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage Video leatures the Alarm

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2.10 Escape from Alcatraz. A number of the world's leading triethlates congregate to test their skill, stamms and courage as they attempt one of the hardest tasks of all . . . to escape from Alcetraz

3.10 Film: Home for Christmas (1990) Senamental family film starting Mickey-Rooney as a chearful party that who cames out his work with a big smile and easy manner. But as he gets older his skills begin to leave him and he is caught red-handed trying to break into a car Directed by Peter McCubbin 5.00 Results Service with Ston Welsby 5.15 News with Suz Carpenter Westive 5.30 LWT News and weather

5.35 Film: Pinocchio (1940) Hall a century after it was launched, Walt Diamey's classic version of the fairy story gets its first showing on British television. The story of the wooden manonette, the Blue Fairy and Jimmy Cricket is one the best cinems cartoons yet made, superbly inventive and full of charm. The film was five years in preparation and the famous scene in which Pinocchio's nose grows longer and longer and turns into a bird's nest took the Denney animators rune months to prepare The song "When You Wish Upon a Star" won an Oscar With the voices of Dick Jones, Ckff Edwards and Christian Rub. Directed by Ben Sharpsteen and

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sion (r) (Oracle) 9.10 News with Sue Carpenter, sport and weather



Wallowing in the fruits of luxury: Nick Noite (9.25pm)

9.25 Film: Down and Out in Beverly Hills (1986). Dave Whiteman (Richard Dreyfuss) may live in a mension in Beverly Hills, but he has his troubles. His wife (Bette Midler) is more interested in her guru than in making love, his daughter refuses to eat and is going out with a drug addict, and his son is a transvestite. Then a tramp (Nick Noite) thes to commit suicide in his swimming pool. A big hit at the box office, this remake of a pre-war Jean Renox film Bouch Seuve des Eaux has a satincal am that is uncertain but several funny moments. Watch out for Mike the dog, a star in the making.

Directed by Paul Mazursky (Oracle)

11.20 Crisis at Christmas. A look at the plight of London's homeless (r)

11.25 Film: The Little Girl Who Lives down the Lans (1976) The 13year-old Jodie Foster as a little girl who hides a nesty secret in the cellar Overcooked suspense drame, with Mertin Sheen and Alexis Smith. Directed by Nicholas Gesaner. Followed by News

1.05em Film: Q — The Winged Serpent (1982) starring Michael Monerty; Devid Cerradine, Candy Clark A prehistoric Artec god makes itself a nest atop a Manhattan skyscraper which it

makes itself a neet atop a Manhettan skyscraper which it penddically leaves to decapitate its victims, who include roof-top sunbathers. Enjoyable nonsense with a good performance by Morarty as the greedy loser Directed by Larry Cohen.

2.50 Film: Scream of the Wolf (1973) staming Peter Graves, Clint Welker and Jo Ann Pflug. An adventure writer stalks a paychotic creature, that may or may not be human. Practicable horror movies from a script by Richard Matheson." Directad by Dan Curtis. Followed by News headines.

4.10 Film: The Flend Without a Face (1958, b/w) staming Marshall Thompson and Kim Parker. Three corpses are found near a US Army experimental base in Canada with their brains and spinal conds removed. Sub-standard science fliction dearns. Directed by

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6.00 Comic Book 7.20 TV Christmas Preview 7.35 International Times. News reports from around the world 8.00 Transworld

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from the vampish Bonita Granville With Lewis Stone, Fay Holden and Sera Haden Directed by Willis Goldbeck
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2.30 American Football. Red 42 (r) 1.00 Christmas at Starcross. Starcross, a Catholic monastery in Sonoma County near San Francisco, supports itself by the sale of Christmas trees grown on its grounds A lew years ago, the monastery's founders book in babies suffering from Aids This award-winning film looks at the commitment of the three adults to the children and how they try to give them a normal and happy

2.00 Film: The Smallest Show on Earth (1957, b/w). This engaging comedy begins a Peter Sellers double bill. Virginia McKenne en Bill Travers play a couple who innert a disapidated cinema and its run-down staff - Sellers, the drunken old projectionist; Margaret Rutherford, the Edwardian cashier, and wobbly doorman Bernard Miles - and fight off plans to turn it into a car park. Directed by

3.30 Film: The Mouse That Roared (1959). Second in the Sellers double bill in which he plays three parts Grand Fenwick, the world's smallest state, faces bankruptcy because of America's imnation of its major export, wine it plans to declare war on the United States so that it will be deteated and quality for American aid. Lively saturcal comedy, directed by Jack Amold.

5.10 Brookside. Omnibus edition (Teletert)

6.30 Clive Anderson Talks Christmas to, among others, Dudley Moore 6.55 News summary and weather

7.00 Submarine.

© CHOICE. Pegged to an exhibition now touring Scotland, Mark
Littlewood's film is a portrait of the Clydebank artist and sculptor Tom McKendrick and his obsession with ships, particularly submannes Born during the second world war, McKendrick was powerfully affected by images of the Birtz and the destruction which scarred the area for many years afrenwards. He entered the shipyerds at 15 and worked there until a government grant enabled him to go to art college. His work is vivid and accessible and attracts people who might not otherwise verifure into art galleries. Littlewood, who is a film cameraman, matches McKendrick's visual imagination by setting the paintings and sculptures against archive toolage of ships being sunk. A Soviet submanne discovered in a scrapyard in Newcastle upon Tyne

enables McKendrick to demonstrate his interest at first hand 8.00 Adventures: Branson — Across a Fiery Sky. Two years ago the Virgin magnate Richard Branson and world-class balloonist Per Lindstrand came close to death when they attempted to cross the Pacific in a hot air balloon. Now they are attempting to do it again,

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tolucci's weighty epic which tracks Italian history in the first ha of this century through the lives and experiences of two childhood friends, Robert De Niro and Gerard Depardieu. With Dominique Sends and Donald Sutherland 12.50am The Week with Jonathan Ross. Highlights from the week's

chat shows hosted by Ross

1.25 Snoops. Mystery drama series about a high-flying couple who live in Washington DC 2.20 The Word, includes the Stranglers, Bananarama and Paul Hogan



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9-30 Saturday Review with Edward
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by Humphrey Lyttatton 12.55

2.00 News, Any Answers? 071-580 4411 Listeners can call Brian Redhead with their views on the issues raised in Any Questions?
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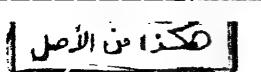
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CHANNEL 4

7.45 Film: Annie Oakley (1935, b/w). Barbara Starnwyck stars as the legendary sharpshooler of the wild west in this lively semi-western.
9.15 Cettic Quest. Rosemary Hartist visits Whitby, where St Hilda founded an abbey on the citif top above the harbour from Parth. Australia (r)

10.00 Driving Force — Down Under! Pro-Celebrity driving competition from Perith, Australia (r)

11.00 Film: White Christmas (1954). The traditional seasonal musical starring Bing Crosby, Rosamary Clooney, Danny Keye and Vera-Starring Starring Crackers. A child's-eye wew of Christmas (r)

Chnstmas Celebration, Victorian style, from the Royal Albert Hall, in the presence of Prancess Margaret. Stars line up to join the Children Fund

2.00 EastEnders. Ornibus edition (r). (Ceefax) from the popular television connedy series about life inside HM and Richard Beckmaale. Directed by Dick Clament. (Ceefax) Groth pay ribute to another selection of big-hearted folk. (Ceefax) oractice his interview technique as he visits Berlin. (Ceefax) practice his interview technique as he visits Berlin. (Ceefax) 6.15 Schofield's Europe, Philip Schofield continues to fix his smile and practice his interview technique as he visits Berlin. (Ceefax) 6.25 Songs of Praise Christmas Special. Sally Magnusson introduces a seasonal edition from Czechoslovakia. Choirs of Prague play host for this Christmas special and are joined by President Vaclav Havel, Placido Domingo, lieana Cotrubas and Jeremy Irons in the Old Town Square and the Church of St Jakob. (Ceefax) Su Poliard, Paul Shane and Jeffrey Holland as the below-stairs staff to Lord Meldrum and family. (Ceetax)



Life Into death: Chief Inspector Alleyn (Simon Williams) (8.05pm)

8.05 Artists in Crime. Artists in Crime.

CHOICE: Having worked its way through Lord Peter, Miss Marple and Campion, the BBC's pursuit of the golden age whodunit reaches Ngsio Marsh's Chief Inspector Alleyn, played by Simon Williams. This priot for what will surely be a Marsh series is a dramatisation by the reliable T.R. Bowen, who was responsible for several of the Marples, of her 1949 story about the murder of an artist's model. Although Williams struggles to breathe life into the diffident and colourless Alleyn, the supporting material more than compansates. What with nuclity, male and female, blood that looks like blood, homosexuality, lesbanism and transvestism, we are a long way from the cosy world of St Mary Mead. As whodunits tend long way from the cosy world of St Mary Mead. As whodunits tend to, this one gets bogged down in the lengthy questioning of the suspects. But lively playing from a good cast helps to carry things along until Alleyn is ready to pounce. (Ceefax) Meather

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CHOICE: Having launched House of Cards just as Mrs Thatcher was being toppled, the BBC comes up with another fortuitous piece of topicality in the shape of a stoom by Alistair Beaton and John Wells about the Dulwich after-lite of Margarat and Denia. The show was in the can before the events of November but allowing the manufacture and a such as Phole of Beaton Mr. the timing is for minor inaccuracies such as Denie still being Mr, the timing is perfect. Wells and Angela Thome, whose likeness is uncanny and acting superb, repeat their stage roles as the Thatchers, with Liz acting superb, repeat their stage roles as the Triatchers, with Liz Smith as their daily, and well-cast versions of Mark and Carol. Although lacking the comic subtlety of the Dear Bill column in Private Eye, Durruthr' is en enjoyable romp which derives many of its jokes from visiting Mrs T with the results of her privatisation manks, with the Royal Mail run from Beirut and the Church of England forced to sell timeshares in its graveyards. (Ceefax) 10.35 Everymen: To Give or Not To Give. As the season of goodwill approaches, Everymen looks at the nature of aftruism and esics whether the milk of human kindness is a distillable commodity.

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11.15 Film: Sugariand Express (1974) starring Goldie Hawn and William

Atherton. Steven Spielberg's stylish account, based on a true
story, of a young couple's bid to ractain their baby son from the
wetters authorities. (Cestax) 1.05am Weather

7.00 Crystal Tipps and Alistair 7.05 Helio Spencer, Puopet fun (f) 7.30 King Rollo, Cartoon (f) 7.35 Playdays 7.55 Animal Album (f) 8.10 Pinocchio, Animated adventures about the boy puopet 8.30 Mayerine Feese. Children's multi-fath drams series 8.45 List

Bits. Cartoon tale of philes in an enchanted forest 9.10 Corners.
Sophie Aldred and Stephen Johnson answer young viewers' questions (r) 9.30 Dungsons and Dragons 9.55 Blue Peter Omnibus (r)

10.40 Mald Marian And Her Memy Men. Children's comedy series starring Tony Robinson and Kate Lonergan (r) 11.05 Boxpops.
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12.30 Scrutiny, Jain MacWhirzer looks at the important work of
parliamentary committees. (Ceefax)
1.00 Film: The Bostonians (1983). Vanessa Redgrave and Christopher
Plummer star in the Merchard/hory adaptation of Henry James's
tale set in New England in 1875. Varena Tarrant (Madeleine Potter)
Is a young woman torn between the suffragette teachings of her
mentor, played by Radgrave, and the and the handsome Basil
Ranson (Christopher Reeve). Despite careful period detail and
faithful adherance to the original text, the film is slow-moving and
uninvolving. Directed by James wory
3.00 Besthoven Symptonies. Starting with Symphony No 1 in C,
Roger Nomington and the London Classical Players begin a daily
cycle of Besthoven's nine symphonies
3.25 Film: Evira Madigan (1967). Swedish film with English subtities,
which became an international box-office hit and did wanders for
Mozart. Pia Depermark and Thommy Berggren play the starcrossed lovers in this tale of tightrope artist Evira Madigan who
falls in love with Count Sparre, a married army officer. Set among
breathtaking Scandinavian landscapes, the film is a scenic treat
and is underscored by Mozart's Plano Concerto No 21. Directed by
Bo Witerbert

Bo Witerberg 4.56 Rugby Special. Chris Rea introduces highlights of tretand B v Scotland B and Neath v Swansea. Wates includes Pontypool v

5.50 The Spirit of Christmas. Next year Dundee will celebrate its 800th anniversary. Selina Scott is joined in the city by celebrities including Paul Coia, Ronnie Corbett, Wendy Craig and Joanna Lumley. They are helped in the celebrations by choirs and a brass

6.30 Std Sunday. David Vine introduces the programme's first look at the women downhill and slatom stars from Morzine, France
7.15 The Triats of Lite. The final programme in David Attentiorough's absorbing examination of behaviour in the natural world deals with the necessary but sometimes dangerous process of reproduction. As usual Attentiorough's enthusiasm is more than matched by the quality of the camerawork. (r). (Ceetax)
8.05 Tchalkovsky from Leningrad. Jessye Norman makes her USSR debut in a gala concert celebrating the 150th anniversary of Tchalkovsky is birth on December 1. Other Internationally acclaimed artists taking part include litzhak Periman, Yo-Yo Ma and Boris Gerezovsky. They are joined by the Leningrad Philhamonic

Boris Berezovsky. They are joined by the Leningrad Philhamnonic Orchestra, conducted by Yuri Temirkanov. The concert includes highlights of Tcheikovsky's greatest works and, as a grand finale the 1812 Overture is played complete with fireworks and cannon

in Pushkin Square

9.45 First and Last. Concluding part of Michael Frayn's masterly drama with Joss Ackland as a newly-retired husband who decides to carry out his lifetime ambition of wallong from Lands End to John O'Grosts. Also stars Pat Heywood, Patricia Routledge and Lionel



Attraction of apposites: Dennis Quaid, Ellen Barkin (10.35pm)

10.35 Film: The Big Easy (1987). Dennis Quaid and Elian Burkin star in a 10.35 Film: The Big Easy (1987), Dennis Queld and Ellen Barlon star in a fast and originst thriller set in the Big Easy, New Orleans. Special prosecutor Anne Osborne has been sent to New Orleans to investigate police corruption, initially shocked by the ossual attitude of Lieutenant McSweim and this readiness to accept "perks", Osborne finds herself increasingly attracted to him, and professional hostility gives way to physical desire. Stylish and erotic, the film succeeds in combining the rementic elements of the plot with the detaction, and the excitament is maintained throughout. Directed by Jim McBride. (Ceefax)

12.15am Dance Energy. News from the dance world (r)

12.55 Rapido. Guesta include Vanilla loe (r). Ends at 1.30

6.00 TV-arm. Includes, at 8.00. Frost on Sunday, With the Bishoo of London, Graftam Leonard, contemplating his last Christmas in office before retirement, and a live satisfile report from Moscow on the implications of Mr Snevardnedze's resignation. In the studio the year's news is reviewed by Andrew Neil, Pierre Salinger, Craftons Edward and Tan Olive.

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9.25 The Disney Club. Christmas cartoons

11.00 Advent Meditation. What is the real heart of Christmas?

12.00 Encounter. This first of a new senes of documentanes follows a group of Bilgrims on a package trip to Israel

12.30 LWT News Weekend with Anna Maria Ashe

1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather

1.10 Save the Children with Michael Crawford. An updated version of the 1988 extravengenza performed before the Princess Royal, president of Save the Children Fund. Christmas music is performed by stars of top West End shows including Cats, Les Misérables. Phantom of the Opera and Mess Salicon (r) Misérables, Phantom of the Opera and Méss Sagon (r)
2.25 Bullseye Christmas Special. Darts and quiz game
2.55 The March, Live coverage of the game between Aston Villa and

5.05 Sunday Sunday. Gloria Hunniford looks at the Christmas shows on in town and talks to guests Dudley Moora, Warren Mitchell and

6.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 6.10 LWT News and weather 6.15 Highway Christmas Special. There's a joint celebration in store as Highway reaches its 300th edition and St Dunstan's, Hurstperpoint, marks its 75th anniversary. Singer Dana and actor Valid Decay in to the feature for

7.15 Beadle's About. Jermy Beadle performs more children pranks on unsuspecting members of the public (r)
7.45 Life After Life. George Cole stars in a supernatural comedy, written by Jonathan Lynn, the joint author of Yes, Prime Minister. Cole plays a reluctant retiree lorced to stay at a twilight home for the active address the harcomes increased in character through the propose increased in character in the series address the harcomes increased in character in the series and the character. the active elderly where he becomes involved in ghostly business after being befriended by two spirited sisters. With Renee Authorican and Gudhur Ura 8.55 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 9.10 LWT Weather



Sankness with pisessare: Grittin Durino and Karen Allen (9.15jun)

 CHOICE: A watchable if far-fetched thriller about a young israell technician divulging his country's nuclear secrets turns out to be not far-fetched at all but based on the true case of Mordechai Vanunu, who hit the headlines in 1986. Mordy (Griffin Dunne) is first seen surreptitiously taking photographs at a nuclear research centre in the Negev desert. Armed with the film he turns up so months later in Australia and thes to interest the Press, insisting that his motives are moral and not financial. A con-man whose motives are financial and not at all moral gets Mordy an introduction to the Sunday Times. At this point viewers might be wondering what has happened to the film's co-star, Karen Allen. Better late than never she turns up as an israeli secret agent set to trap Mordy. But like other secret agents before her, she discovers that it is not sharps away to secretal business from financial and proportions. that it is not always easy to separate business from pleasure.

11.20 Film: American Gigolo (1980). The film that established Richard Gere as a sex symbol. He plays Julian Kay, a successful male prostitute with an address book full of rich women's phone numbers, whose life suddenly becomes complicated when he falls for a politican's wife and finds himself trained for murder. The

for a pointican's wife and thrus highself framed for murder. This searny thriller also stars Lauren Hutton and Mina Ven Pallandt. Directed by Paul Schrader. Followed by News headlines

1.20 Film: Strike Force (1975). An early performance from Richard Gere in this weak made-for-television drama about an elite crimelighting force lef loose on the streets of New York to tackle organised crime. With Cliff Gorman and Marilyn Chris. Directed by Barry Shear. Followed by News headlines

2.45 Golf — PGA Tour 90. Action from the Mazde Champions Ingranisation.

tournament
3.45 Indy Cert World. More fast-moving ection on wheels.
4.45 Little Duck Blue Feesther. Certoon tale of a duck's determination to lay more eggs after her nest hes been robbed
5.10 Christmas. Comes. to Paciand. Pso-men, the video geme. character, is called upon to help Santa repair his steigh (r) 5,40 Cartoon Time 5.55 FTN Morning News with Ends at 6.00

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6.00 Transworld Sport (r) 7.00 Pet World. Series exploring the relationships between people and their pets, presented by Dublin vet John Wason John looks at pet therapy and gives advice on keeping a small snake. He also meets Bearry and Barney the owis

and introduces two lifeguard dogs 7.30 Once upon a Time . . . Life. Animated journey around the human body (r) 8.00 Dennis. Cartoon 8.20 Early Morning TV Christmas Preview (r) 8.30 Bobobobs. Cartoon 9.00 Early Bird. Children's magazine 9.25 Orientations. The final edition of the saries about the Far East and South East Asia namated by Su-Lin Loot and artist Hi Ching tooks at the spread of Christman in China and the creating opposition. South East Asia narrated by Su-Lin Lool and artist Hi Ching tooks at the spread of Christianity in China and the growing opposition independence movement in Taiwan.

10.00 Noah's Ark investigates the disappearing monkey puzzle tree (r).

10.30 Grim Tales. Rik Navati reads the story of The Three Doctors. Lest in the series (r).

11.00 Living with Dinosaurs. Ten-year-old Dom confides his problems to his toy dinosaur (created by the same studio which made the Navatet with histories results. An Emmi sward-wentiling control.

Muppets) with hismous results. An Emmy award-winning comedy

12.00 The Waltons. Homely series which portrays the life and times of a tight-knit tamily living in the Appalachian mountains during the 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (b/w). Cult underwater sci-fi

2.00 Messa Per Rossini. Recording made in September 1988 of the recently-discovered Requiem Mess for Rossini written by 13 composers including Verdi. With Gachinger Kantorel Stuttgart, the Prague Philharmonia Choir and the Stuttgart Radio Symphony

Orchestra conducted by Helmuth Rilling
Almost Christmas. Christmas comes early for a little girl who is
incurably ill. Based on real-lite events that took place in a Swiss

village, and narrated by Jack Klaff (r)
5.30 News summary and weather followed by Fload to Avonlea. The final episode of the adaptation of L.M. Montgomery's novel tracing the adventures of a ten-year-old girl who is sent to stay with her dead mother's Canadian family in isotated Avonlea 6.30 The Cosby Show. Award-winning American sitcom 7.00 Equinox: Going Downhill Fast. The science and technology series

concludes with a lesson on terminal velocity filmed on location in France and Norwey, where speed sking is the winter sportal equivalent of dragster racing. (Teletext)

8.00 American Football. The main game is Miami Dolphins at the

Buffalo Bilis

9.30 Coral Browne: Caviar to the General.

CHOICE. A good-humoured profile of the Australian-born actress who is 77 but manages to look 47 takes the art tor granted. and concentrates on the person. Anyone wanting a critique of Corel Browne the performer will have to make do with a handful of clips and extracts from her notices. Christopher O'Hare's film is about Coral Browne the character, a woman of impenous presence and acerbic wit who seems to have had more stones told about her, true as well as apocryphal, than almost any other actress. Several are repeated here, not all in language that can be reproduced in a family newspaper. Among the most prominent contributors are Alan Bennett and John :: chlesinger, the writer and director of her big television success. An Englishman Abroad, in which she played hersell 25 years younger. The best clip, however, shows her trying to seduce an embarrassed George Formby in a film they made in 1943 10.30 Tchalkovsky's Women. The first part of Christopher Nupen's

musical biography of Tchakovsky, which was first shown in 1988.

Principally about the women who inspired the composer's work, the film covers the period up to the composition of Eugene Onegin the tim dovers the period up to the composition of Eugene Chegin and the failure of his marriage to Antonina Milyukova. Cynthia Harvey and Mark Silver, principals with the Royal Ballet, portray characters in Tchaikovsky's life, and Helen Field sings Tatyana in Eugene Chegin. The music is played by the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy. (The second part is on Boxing Day at 9 00pm) (r) 11.65 Dancedaza from the Brixton Academy, London 12.65am The Other Side of Garry Sadowitz. The first of three programmes with Gerry Sadowitz, who presents a sarcastic guide to the world of manic.

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1.10 The Story of Abba, Performence footage and interviews with the Swedish group (r). Ends at 2.05



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Hander Boys' Choir;
Collegium Vocale Ghent;
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9.15 A Serious Matter: The second of five selections from Diruc Leatti's recorded legacy.
Bach, arr Busoni (Chorale

Bech, err Busoni (Chorale preluds, Ich ruf zu dir, BWV 639): Brahms (Walizzes, Op 39 for piano duet: with Nacia Boulanger); Schubert (Impromptu in G Bat No 3, D 899); Chopin (Piano Concerto No 1 in E minor: Zunch Tonfraße Orchestra under Otto Ackermann)

10.15 Music Weeldy: Includes the earliest surviving Christmas music; this year's Christmas CDs; and the Music Weeldy Christmas Opera 11.00 The Childhood of Christ: City

of London Sintonia; Brighton Festival Chorus under Richard Hickox perform Berlioz's cratorio, given in the cathedral durno this year's Arundel Festival
12.45pm Table Talk: Leslie Forbes lone the monks from Holy Cross Priory in Leicestershire as they cook their Christmas

1.00 News 1.05 Your Concert Choice with Paul 1.05 Your Concert Choice with Paul Gursey. Tippett (A Suite for the Buthday of Prince Charless: English Northern Philhammonia under Tippett); Liszt (Suite, A Chastinas Trae, excerpts); Rammez (Navidad nuestra: Coral Salve de Laredor, Sociedad Coral de Bibliot, Grupo Huancara under Sanchez); Cochereau (Improvisation on Adeste Ficelas; Piene Cochereau, organ); Finzi (In terra pacc. John Adda Choir; New Philhammonia under Vermon Handley)
2.30 BBC Singers at Christines under Sanchez); Todon Salve Choir, New Philhammonia under Vermon Brass perform Gabneli (Hodie Christus natus est, 1587);

RADIO 3 Schütz (Hodie Christus natus est, SWV 456); Scheich (Puer natus in Bethieren, 1650); Praetorius (In dutci jubic); Suite from Terpsichore, arr D. Purser). 3.10 Interval Reading. 3.15 Carola commissioned by the BBC Singers in 1944, from Berkeley, Britten and Tappett; cerols written for today's

carols written for loday's concert by Peter Maxwell Davies, Colin Matthews and Michael Berkeley. Panulmik (Winter Solstice)
4.00 Poet of the Month: The work of hor Gurney, first world war nost and sono composer. poet and song composer. Reed by P.J. Kavanagh

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4.10 Uster Orchestra under Simon Joly, with Nicholas Daniel, oboe, performs Lennox Berkelay (Simfonia Concertante); Malcolm Arnold (Symphony No 6) (r)

5.00 Soundings: The Glory of God and Pleasant Recreation. The past and present job of cantor at the Thomastirche in Leipzig is investigated by Michael Oliver 6.00 Sent from Heaven: A equence for the fourth

sequence for the fourth
Sunday in Advent. Recorded
at Edington Priory Church
duning this year's Edington
Festival
7.00 Le Rossignol-en-emour.
Blendine Verlet, harpschord,
Plerre Sechef, flute, perform
Couperin (Ordre No 14,
Troissème livre de places de clavecin)
7.30 Sunday Play: Three Sisters.

CHOICE: Lat's face it: taken

out of context, it can be disorientating - Olga, the Russen, yearningly sighing her famous line "Oh Moscowi her famous line "Un manual her famous line "Un manual her famous line Moscow!" to the Moscow!" to the Moscow!" accompaniment or arr siddle. But long before Brian translation of Friel's free translation of Chekhov has reached this point, we have become thoroughly shaked by the instruess of his marvellous instructions of his marvellous radio version, recorded in Beltest, and performed by a cast that sounds 110 per cent insh. Finel makes the text so accessible to us that hearing the play tonight is the next best thing to seeing the Redgraves in action as the Personny siblings on the Prosprov siblings on the

Prostroy solvange to the London stage

10.30 Mahler (Symphony No 7: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis)

11.50 Magnificat: Lassus (Magnificat, Anchor che col pertire) Final programme (r) 12.00 News 12.05am Close

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Lettribuse (5) 6.30 heave; Morning His Broken with Jack Hywel-Davies, including Bells on Sunday from Portsmouth Cathedral (5) 6.55 Weather 7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 On Your Farm: Oliver Wallaton has breakfard with Dr Walition has breskins with National Tyler in the Arctic

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9.15 Letter from America by Alistair
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9.30 Morning Service: The Prince of Peaca? Peace and Social
Conflict, the last in a series of sermons exploring the message of peace. From St Cross with St Paul Church, Caylon, Manchester

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Caylon, Manchaser
10.15 The Archars: Ommbus edition
11.15 News Stand: Hugh PrysorJones reviews the performance
11.30 Pick of the Week with
Margaret Howard (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue
Lawley talks to Brian Keenan,
who will be spending his first
Christmas tor five years as a
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2.00 Gardeners' Question Time from Liverpool. Members of the South Mersey College put their queries to Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downtern and Sue Philips. With Clay Jones in Itse chair

2.30 Sunday Playhouse: The Holly and the hy, by Wynward Browne. In a country vicerage in 1950, the spirit of Christinas and the values of Christianity are put to the test. With John Sammon are Dawd, Jacob Knowles as Jenny, Stephen Murray as Martan, Geoffrey Beever as Hick. Sheligh Fraser as Bridget, Nora Nicholson as Lydia, William Fox at Rehard and tescoel Black as Margaret (s) (f)

4,00 News; Analysis: David Walker saks how policy makers, lorecasters and polisters can so often get their facts and

so often get their facts and figures wrong (1)
4.47 There For Verse: Carol AM Duffy visits the Chettenham Poetry Festival (s)
5.00 News; Down For Your Way: The Selvetton Army's Croydon Citadel Band are out among the Cinestras shoppers
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6.30 A Spoonful of Sugar: A rare inverview with the author P.L. Travers, who talks about the spirtuality that underlies her character of Mary Poppins who asst appeared in 1934. Cyril Cusack reads extracts from her books

7.00 Handel: Messah. Brian Kay introduces the complete. O Handet: Messain. Brian Key introduces the complete introduces the complete introduces the complete introduces the complete introduced the SBC Cardiff. Performed by the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Simon Presson. With Lillian Walson, Sprano, Amthory Rolle Johnson, tenor, and Michael George, bass (s) 9.59 Walstimer 9.89

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10.15 Arthur — The King: Concluding
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EC agreement to ban CFCs three years before deadline

From Peter Guilford and Michael Binyon in Brussels

unanimously agreed to ban by July 1997 chemicals which puncture the ozone layer, well ahead of the end-of-century deadline set by the world's governments under the Montreal protocol.

David Trippier, junior environment minister, backed the agreement, which outlaws the production, import and use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), saying it would "send a strong signal to the rest of the world that we in the EC are determined to stop damaging the stratospheric ozone layer as

He said Britain would eliminate CFCs at least six months earlier, and in a radical departure from the

Future of Pan Am in the balance

Continued from page 1 allowed to replace Pan Am at Heathrow.

The immediate problem is the payment of \$16 million (£8.4 million) to Airbus and a further \$16 million to Pratt and Whitney. Both are now well overdue and Pan Am had promised that the money would be forthcoming by the end of the year by when, they anticipated, they would have sold their Heathrow operations to United Airlines. Now that the deal has been put on ice because of the complex bi-lateral talks going on about who will be able to use Heathrow, both Airbus and Pratt and Whitney are in a position to call in the debt and force Pan Am out of business.

Hopes of obtaining additional cash in advance from TWA, which hopes to buy the rump of the troubled airline once the United Airlines deal is signed, have also been dashed because TWA itself is also waiting for a decision from Britain on where American Airlines would be allowed to take

over their routes from Heathrow. Under existing British legislation, no new carrier is allowed to operate from Heathrow.

THE European Community has government's earlier opposition to "green tax incentives", he did not rule out tax relief to help companies and consumers meet tougher standards.

EC environment ministers meeting in Brussels yesterday also imposed new limits on vehicle exhaust fumes, in effect making catalytic converters obligatory on new cars by 1993. Even stricter measures will follow, and governments will be permitted to offer tax incentives for buying clean

Under their agreement to halt the depletion of the ozone, the ministers pledged to cut CFCs by 85 per cent by mid-1995 and eliminate them completely two years later. Halon gases, too, will

be abolished by 2000. Carlo Ripa di Meana, European environment commissioner, challenged the United States and Japan to match the EC commitment. "We wanted to go faster", said Mr Trippier, but there had been opposition from France,

Spain, Portugal and Greece.
Total elimination of CFCs by
2000 was agreed under the Montreal protocol, revised last year in London. Some of the biggest Third World users of CFCs, notably China and India, were won over with a promise of financial assistance and the transfer of clean technology.

Mr Trippier described the par-

allel deal to cut car exhaust levels as "dramatic", saying that all new cars bought after 1992 would emit only a quarter of the fumes produced the average car today. Mr Trippier said the deal finally dispelled the cloud of confusion hanging over Europe's motor

Britain adopted a markedly more conciliatory stance on all issues in the package of environmental measures proposed yesterday. It gave strong support to European Commission plans to toughen standards of waste disposal and regulations on the handling of hazardous materials.

 In an effort to reduce air pollution, only half of the cars in Milan and the 15 surrounding municipalities are being allowed on the road over the pre-Christ-

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Washington welcome: James Baker, the US Secretary of State, greets John Major on his arrival at the state department yesterday

Antares submarine 'in mock battle'

By KERRY GILL

THE Royal Navy submarine thought to have sunk the Antares fishing boat with the loss of four lives had taken part in a simulated attack on a frigate before the accident, according to an interim enquiry report yesterday.

On board the nuclear-powered hunter-killer submarine HMS Trenchant were students from the Submarine Command School

SCOTTISH fishermen predicted

yesterday that the European

Community's new rule that larger

boats in the North Sea and west of

Scotland must tie up for eight

consecutive days a month next

year to conserve dwindling white-

fish stocks would be widely ig-

Leaders of Scottish fishing

organisations will discuss the

directives over the next few days

nored and difficult to enforce.

being tested as submarine commanders. Each took a turn as a "duty captain" in charge of one of the exercises. The report by the marine ac-

cident investigation branch of the transport department said that when a student took over, he was under observation by an experienced commander known as the

Fishing boats likely to flout 8-day rule

By KERRY GILL AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

but yesterday some said many

skippers would flout the rule. One

Scottish fisherman said: "I am not

going to obey. I don't see how I

force them to go to sea in bad

weather during the rest of the

month to maximise their catch,

making the world's most dan-

gerous profession even more

hazardous, Duncan MacInnes,

Fishermen said the ruling would

At about 2am on November 22, while operating underwater off the Isle of Arran, the teacher and submarine captain had gone to the wardroom to discuss the students' performances. Trenchant was left in the charge of the duty captain.

About 17 minutes later, the duty captain was told of a contact on the forward sonar equipment. He ordered the submarine to swing to

secretary of the Federation of

Highlands and Islands Fishermen,

said: "I fear people will cheat on

the eight-day lay-up period. The

longer the period is, the more risk

Mr MacInnes said that two

periods of four days would have

given the fleet more chance of

choosing to fish in good weather.

"If they don't chest, the banks will

repossess boats," he added.

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port. Shortly afterwards a noise was heard indicating contact with steel objects and Trenchant surfaced to periscope depth. At 2.38am, she sighted two fishing boats. She surfaced and the

crew discovered a length of cable and chain caught around a dome on the submarine. Part of the cable, with a considerable weight on it, led back into the water. Trenchant tried unsuccessfully to call up fishing vessels on a number of radio channels. The submarine reported the incident to the navy base at Faslane and continued its exercises. About 90 minutes later the

coastguard was told by Fasiane that a submarine had snagged a trawi and that it had seen the fishing vessel, which appeared to be safe. Minutes later Fasiane made a similar report to the Clyde Fishermen's Association.

Shortly before 9am, the association asked the coastguard for news and, about an hour later, it was told the wooden-hulled Antares seemed to have disappeared.

Major in US accord on Gulf

Continued from page 1 yesterday that a war to drive Iraqi forces from Kuwait looked increasingly likely, and promised that the conflict would be short, devastating and decisive.

In the most sombre assessment by the Bush administration to date, and using remarkably aggressive language, Mr Cheney said it looked as if last-ditch talks between Washington and Iraq to avert a war would not now take place, and continued: "It increasingly looks as if (Saddam Hussein) is not getting the message and we will have to use force to get him

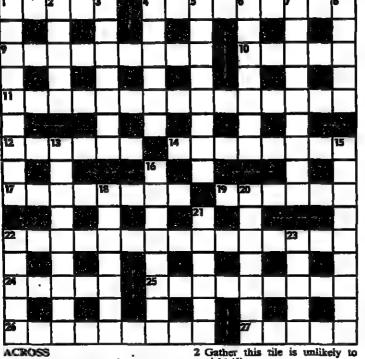
He said that there would be "no restrictions on running a first-class military operation", in an apparent reference to the Vietnam war. US forces "won't have their hands tied behind their back. There won't be any sanctuaries where the enemy can take cover and avoid the consequences of his actions" The only acceptable outcome would be "absolute, total victory" he said, but made a pledge to keep American casualties to a minimum. Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, drew loud applause from the servicemen when he added: "When we launch (an attack), we will launch it violently, we will launch it in a way that will make it decisive so we can get it over as quickly as possible, and there's no question who's won."

In Rome, Sid Ahmed Ghozali. the Algerian foreign minister said yesterday that Iraq was willing to compromise to avert war in the Guif, but would not accept a solution that sullied its honour.

"Iraq certainly seeks a peaceful solution and is willing to pay the price for it - but not any price and it will not accept any settlement that sullies its honour," he told a press conference. Mr Ghozali was speaking after President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria, fresh from a nine-nation Middle East trip that included talks in Baghdad, arrived in Rome at the start of a European tour for talks on the Gulf conflict.

Mr Major earlier had meetings with Vice-President Dan Quayle, Nicholas Brady, the American treasury secretary, and Dr Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. At all of them, the prime minister urged the Americans to show more flexibility in negotiations over the Uruguay round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,

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PARKER A prize of a superb Parker Duofold International Pen, with an 18 carat gold nib and fully DUOFOLD guaranteed for the lifetime of the original owner will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London El 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday. Name/Address.

The Times prize Christmas jumbo crossword will appear on Monday

WORE WAIGHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard STUMMER MUU-MUU

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Answers on page 11

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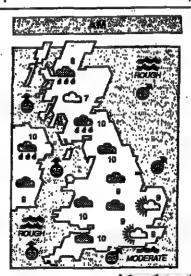
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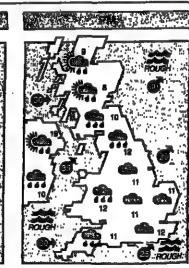
The winners of last Saturday's competition are T D C Smith, Church Croft, Edlesborough. Dunstable, Bedfordshire, H P Ralton, Kellaways Mill House, Chippenham, Wiltshire, K C Wright. The Meadway, Heath Lane, London: J N Whittaker, Burton Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, E J Packer, Sandringham Road, Swin-

don. Willshire.

The day will start mild and frost-free with a brisk southwesterly wind across most parts. During the afternoon and evening, however, there will be outbreaks of rain, some quite persistent, in the west where it will also become very windy. The southeast will probably stay dry. Scotland and Northern Ireland will start wet and windy although it will turn bright and showery by afternoon. Outlook: wet and windy.

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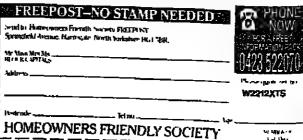
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SUMMARY

Capital plan



THIS week, the British Olympic Association (BOA) agreed to accept proposals from cities wanting to host the Olympic Games in 2000. The BOA will decide which bid to endorse before the final decision on the venue for 2000 is made by the International Olympic Committee in 1993,

Sebastian Coe (above), the chairman of London Olympic 2000, makes the case for London and outlines the benefits he believes a successful bid would bring.....

COMPETITION

Prize words

ON CHRISTMAS Eve, The Times features the classic festive test of sporting knowledge, the Jumbo Sports Crossword. Our prizes include luxury visits to some of the great forthcoming events: an England rugby international at Twickenham, football at Wembley and racing at Cheltenham.

SKIING Fast descent



PETRA Kronberger (above), of Austria, achieved her fourth victory in six races when she won the World Cup downhill at Morzine in France yesterday. Already this season, she has won slalom, giantslalom and super giant slalom races. Report. Page 25

RUGBY UNION

Return ticket

JEFF Young was appointed the Welsh Rugby Union's technical director this week. David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, finds out why Young has decided to return to the valleys and how he hopes to help lift the veil of tears which has shrouded Wales's national game for a decade...... Page 25

SPORT ON TV

Viewing figure WAS Paul Gascoigne really the sports personality of the year, as the viewers of BBC television decided last week? And if so, why? Laura Thompson investigates Page 26

FOOTBALL

Tactical move



WHEN Steve Perryman (above) became manager of Watford, the club seemed bound for the third division. Since his arrival last month, they have played four games without losing. Clive White talks to Perryman about his Page 23

RACING

Welsh hopes

BONANZA Boy, winner of the Coral Welsh National for the past two years, will carry top weight as he seeks to become the first triple winner of the race since the war at Chepstow today. The opposition is headed by the northern challenger, Carrick Hill Lad, winner of seven of his nine steeplechases Page 27

Hunger for success remains Faldo's major inspiration



Putting on the Ritz: Faldo, winner of the Masters and Open Championship, with the trophy he received yesterday for being named the European Golfer of the Year

By MITCHELL PLATTS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

NICK Faldo yesterday took time off from the duties of Christmas shopping for his family to make clear his intention to capitalise on his achievements, and specifically his successes in this year's Masters and Open Championship, to be-come the dominant golfer of the

On receiving the Ritz Club European Golfer of the Year award in London, Faido showed that, at the age of 33, his apperite for success is far from satisfied. Not only did he stress that he felt his best was still to come, but that he was willing to assist aspiring newcomers in order that the balance of power in terms of world golf remains firmly in Europe's

corner.
"I would be quite happy to take one or two young players under my wing right now," Faldo said. "If they had the talent then I know that I could pass on so much information which would enable them to cut corners. Sometimes it takes ten years to learn this or that, and if I saw the talent in a player then I would like to help him achieve his aims."

Faldo, of course, has no intention of stepping aside himself. He unquestionably proved himself in

1990 to be the leading golfer in the world with his victories at Augusta and St Andrews. A third major title just cluded him at the US Open, where he finished a stroke behind Hale Irwin, and he won almost £200,000 in finishing twelfth in the European Order of Merit. And, in Hong Kong last week, he characteristically destroyed the fear that physical problems might cast a shadow over his future when he put together a 62 on the way to winning the Johnnie Walker Asian

Faido was concerned by the stress fractures in his wrists, which were most probably caused by his making a minor swing change which exerted a different type of pressure on his muscles. But he has been reassured by Paul Ankers, an exercise physiologist, that by taking the next two months off to work on strengthening his arms, he will remedy the problem which led to him withdrawing from six tournaments in 1990. "I have learned a great deal

about how to look after my body and I have no fears whatsoever about my future in terms of physical fitness," Faldo said. "That would not have been the case if I had not consulted Paul because I could have done untold damage by having cortisone injections. Now I am convinced that with Paul's physical training programme I will start back in March fully fit. But I have no intention of playing the 32 tournaments that have become the norm every year since I became a professional. I want to cut back to 25 with the emphasis being on the major championships.

"But I am still as keen as ever. In fact, I am probably keener. I see now what is possible and I think that gives you the encouragement to go for it. I know so much more about playing pressures, and obvi-ously the golf swing, although the incentive comes with what else there is to achieve.

"The grand slam of winning all four major championships in the same year is a human possibility. But you have to have everything right. You must be playing well. You must be physically well. You must be mentally well. You must have luck. And you must not have someone else blitzing it out on the course. But I am trying to do everything to ensure that every-

thing is right. "I am not thinking of winning three Masters in a row, although it would be nice. I am simply looking at the Masters in April as being another major. I will go to Augusta with the memories of the two previous wins, and if I could

would be to win the Masters again, or the US Open, I have come close twice in the US Open and at the very least I would like to win all four of the major championships. before I retire. But I am not looking at going in to even semi-retirement until after the year 2000."

Faldo, too, remains emotionally enthralied by the Ryder Cup. "It's the fifth major," he said. "It has that kind of atmosphere. At Kiawah Island in September the Americans will have to beat us, and that will put them under pressure. I cannot see many new names being in our team which is why I would love to help bring newcomers through in the future.

"We must guard against complacency and against golfers play-ing for a living rather than playing to win. And I know there are golfers like that out there. They play with the calculator out. I guess I was lucky to have the attitude when I started out that if I won, the money would take care of

There is no question that Faldo has reaped the reward of that philosophy. He has won four major championships and his annual income is in excess of £5 million. He will receive another £500,000 over the next three years

have a Christmas wish then it as a result of an announcement yesterday that he will represent General Accident, sponsor of the European Open. Yesterday, however, was mostly

about charity. Faldo received the Ritz Club Trophy, donated by Waterford Crystal, and two cheques totalling £4,000 on behalf of the Golf Foundation and the PGA European Tour Benevolent

Record profit

Hampshire county cricket club has announced a record profit of almost £71,000 for the year ended October 31.

Television dates

Derby entertain Tottenham in ITV's live televised football game on January 20.
Manchester United's match
with Liverpool at Old Trafford
on Ferbruary 3 will also be screened live.

Italy's form

Italy, struggling to find form in the European football champ-ionship, face lowly Cyprus in a group three match today,

Stewart's health a new blow

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT BALLARAT

ENGLAND'S cricket tour de-scended still further into chaos yesterday as Micky Stewart, the team manager, was admitted to hospital for tests on a mysterious numbing condition and Allan Lamb, the vice-captain, was in-jured while running back to the squad's motel in Ballarat immediately after scoring a fine 141 against Victoria.

Stewart's condition caused some alarm. A chest infection which had restricted him last week had given way to a lack of feeling in his right leg. An inveterate trainer, Stewart, aged 54, had been inhibited during the team's practices and eventually agreed to return to Melbourne to see a specialist

Tests were taken in a private hospital and Stewart was also given cortisone injections, but the physician could find nothing seriously wrong and the manager was expected to rejoin his team today, What he would find may not have pleased him. Lamb batted superbly against Victoria, having come in with England at 21 for two in reply to a declaration at 44! for seven. But in straining to run the five miles from the Ballarat ground back to the team's motel so soon after his innings, he repeated the calf injury he sustained on a similar run in Barbados earlier

Lamb, the only man to have scored a first-class century for England on tour, was under treatment last night but is expected to play in the second Test. starting in Melbourne on Boxing Day, even if not fully fit - a measure of England's current

England's recovery, page 22

Eubank to face new challenger

CHRIS Eubank will face a new opponent, yet to be announced for the first defence of his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) middleweight title at the Brighton Centre on February 23.

Kevin Watts, the originally named American challenger, is no longer considered a worthy enough opponent for the Brighton boxer by the WBO after being knocked out in his last contest. Watts is rated the WBO No. 3

challenger but is listed at No. 24 by the more respected World Boxing Council. A possible contender for Eubank is another American, Doug DeWitt, who lost the title when knocked out in the eighth round by Nigel Benn in Atlantic City last April.

Eubank's defence in Brighton will be the first world title bout ever to be staged in Sussex, and Barry Hearn, the promoter, has said that two other contests in April and June should be worth £1 million to Eubank.

Cricket nightmare 11 times over

he Team Nightmare com-petition reaches Christmas with a spectacular offering from Roger Dennard, who wins this week's ambrosial Cálem Colheitas 1957 Tawny Port for his pains. He offers a team of cricketers on the basis of a single deed of historic wonder, no doubt in the expecta-tion of them all repeating it when they play together as Team Night-mare. They line up as follows: E. M. Grace, brother of W. G., who lost the match ball and nine

spere ones; Richard Edwards, who hit 62 runs off a single 11-ball over; Ivan Hutchings, who batted 26 overs for 0 not out;

Eddie Hudson, who broke his leg, batted on and hit the final ball of the match for six and victory; W. H. Brain, the only wicketkeeper with a first-class hattrick of stumpings;
Pat Morfee, who can hold six cricket balls in each hand;

W. Yardley, who bowled alter-nate balls with alternate arms; Alfred Mynn, who struck his long-stop on the chest with six consecutive deliveries, causing the man to spit blood for a fortnight; Charles Kortright, who bowled a bouncer that went for six byes;

J. Bryant, who took 20 wickets in a match — all bowled;

and George Brown, who bowled a ball that beat wicketkeeper and batsman and killed a dog on the

Hark the Herald

boundary. A nightmare 11 times over.

his column sends congratula-Milton Keynes Pumps Cricket programme.

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

League for the past three seasons. The team was horrified to learn that Milton Keynes Development Corporation required £350 from them for pitch hire. The club possessed a mere £70. A committee meeting was held and a sensible decision was reached. It was decided that the only thing to do was to stick the lot on a horse. This was done, taking 6-1 about Buddy Holly in the 1.45 at Plumpton last Tuesday. Oddly enough, the horse won. The team paid its debts, placed £100 behind the bar at the Cross Keys and drank remorse-lessly to the health of Buddy Holly

and to the prospects for next

Peking duck

S. J. A. Brooking, of the British Embassy in Peking,
writes to me to correct the rough-and-ready Australian transliteration of Chinese cricketing terms employed in this space last week. Thus, in correct Pinyin, cricket is Ban Qiu, bowler is Tou Qiu Ren and the batsman is Ji Qiu Ren. The Chinese cricketer who plays for the Chinese Embassy in Peking is correctly called Wang Xiaodong, but he has adopted the nom de guerre of Bruce.

◆ The recent televised expose of betting practices excited the litigious propensities of Ladbrokes. I tions to the Herald Cricket hear the Office of Fair Trading is Club which has come bot- also showing interest and is intom of the third division of the vestigating six aspects of the

Oval gas drill aithful readers may recall the construction problems that affected the Oval cricket

ground this summer - a completely different set of problems from Lord's. The Oval was forced to delay the opening of the new cricket centre in the summer after they discovered a subterranean pocket of methane gas beneath the building. Eve Construction announces that it has released and dispersed the gas by drilling down to it. Things should be ready in the late spring and it hopes to have the Queen at the official opening in

Grand-slammed he BBC makes quite a good thing of the way the BBC

Sports Personality of the Year is selected: viewers write in and votes are counted. I confess I had always assumed that the other two awards, for Overseas Sports Personality of the Year and the team of the year, were chosen the same way. But no. These are chosen unilaterally by the BBC Sports Department. This, no doubt, accounts for Scotland's grand slam rugby team winning the team award. Unquestionably a magnificent team, its victory was watched live by a Grandstand audience of 3.7 million. The England football team's World Cup semi-final against West Germany was watched by 25.4 million, the biggest audience for a sporting event in British history. Oh, by the way, I wish the BBC good luck in all future negotiations with the manager is Noel Cantwell and the sport of rugby union.

● Baffling quote of the week: From Pete Carril, basketball coach at

Princeton, preparing for the big game against University of Ne-vada. "We could get killed. We could get killed easily, but that's not going to knock me out of the box. It depends on how we get killed."

High earners

would like this week to salute the punters of America's National Football League: the token pacifists in the most war-like game of them all. These are the boys who, half a dozen times a match, take the field, catch the ball and kick it from hand high up in the air. These are the skills that allow Rhone Stark, of Indianapolis Colts, to earn \$415,000 a season. Sean Landeta, of New York Giants, makes \$325,000, two more punters make \$275,000, and two more make a nice round quarter-million.

Season's best

hat is the point of running a competition if you can't break your own rules? This week I'm giving a second bottle of Calem Colheitas 1957 port to Robyn Williams, who offers Team Excelsis: a football team selected on Christmas and religious grounds. The line-up is: J Priestley (Carlisle), W Emanuel (Bristol City and Wales), T Carroll (Ipswich and Ireland), J Gabriel (Everton and Scotland), J King (Swansea and Wales), R. Paul (Manchester City and Wales), I Allchurch (Cardiff and Wales), R Hope (West Bromwich Albion and Scotland), I St John (Liverpool and Scotland), J Jordan (Leeds and Scotland) and T Godwin (Leeds and Scotland). The home ground is Vicarage Road, Watford.

Happy Christmas.



Why a vote for London is an Olympic winner

ere's a news quiz question for this week. What have these countries in comafter a decision last Wednesday - Australia, Canada, China, Germany and Great Britain? The answer of course, is that they are all getting ready to bid for the coveted prize of staging the Olympic Games in the

This week, the British Olympic Association agreed to accept proposals from British cities to join the race for the International Olympic Committee's nomina-

Let me declare an interest. I am chairman of London Olympic 2000, the campaign to bring the Games to London - so mine is not an objective view. The campaign has powerful support in the shape of the Central Council for Physical Recreation, the representative organisation of this country's sporting bodies. The CCPR provides invaluable knowledge and expertise and a forum for the interchange of views we need - within sport and outside - to put together the right package. Why bid for the Games? I

First, a major aim must be to re-establish Britain's old place in the international arena of sport. Once, we made the rules of most of the great sports of today; once, ours were the leading admin-istrators in international governing bodies; once, we had many more respected voices than we have now in the various forums of sport, helping to shape inter-national policies and pro-

That was once upon a time. If I may continue the panto language, we are now the "Sleeping Beauty" that needs the kiss of success to reawaken our old influence and prestige. What better "kiss" than that of the IOC, bestowing the gift of the Olympic Games, at the start of a new century?

Second, I believe that hosting the Games here again would be a great opportunity to reinvigorate British sport. We need new facilities. We want a fresh surge of confidence. We yearn for the kind of challenge that brings out the best in Britain and especially in British sport.

Third, we have the history, tradition and expertise to stage a magnificent Games, in the full



COMMENT

SEBASTIAN COE

spirit of the Olympic Charter - to launch the movement into the 21st century, just as London launched it into the post-war world in 1948.

Fourth, the Games would be a unique marketing opportunity for Britain, at the start of the 21st century. For the year 2000, and especially for the three weeks of the Games, the eyes of the world would be drawn here. We would be centre stage with all the advantages that means for selling this country and its industries and products.

o, the 2000 Games would do o, the 2000 Games would do much for us, in Britain and in sport; but equally we would do much, again, for the Olympic flag and all it stands for.

The BOA has decided that our London team can bid, and so, of course, can other cities. Manchester wants to have another chance. Ours will be a friendly, domestic rivalry. We have one main aim in common - to win the Games for Britain. That is the major goal and I know that whoever wins next April will support the other city's cause over the succeeding two and a bit

The BOA has laid down criteria for us in preparing our bid. I believe these are reasonable and I support the council's proper cau-tion (after two failures, with Birmingham and Manchester) and also its judgment about the key elements in any proposal equipped to fight a good fight for the IOC's vote

I understand that the criteria are, in fact, those we laid down for ourselves, in London, when we launched the campaign back in September. Briefly, there must be a mix of new and existing

facilities, with some benefits for sport and the city out of the bidding process itself; there must be sufficient funds for a lively. effective campaign; there should be political support; the bid has to be credible, a likely winner.

So what happens next? The first task in London is to bring together in one vibrant campaign the different groups and interests. My co-ordinating committee (comprising active and committed Olympians and sportsmen and women like Ginny Leng, Gary Lineker, Daley Thompson and Virginia Wade, and with heavyweight representatives from vital bodies like London Transport, the London Tourist Board and the London Docklands Development Corporation) has authorised David Teasdale, the director and myself, to get together with the others in-

The talks are already under way, with Tarmac, who are leading a construction con-sortium, and the London Council for Sport and Recreation, and I believe they will have a positive outcome. The collective resolve

terested in a London bid and to

agree a common approach.

is already evident. United, we shall form a very formidable

We must then finalise our proposals. We intend to make sure that we have a package for 2000 that wins votes all the way. his is not a small venture.

For example, an Olympic Games requires facilities for some 28 different sports. There must be an Olympic stadium for the opening and closing ceremonies and for the major, gladiatorial contests of track and field. The event needs a village for, perhaps, 16,000 competitors and officials.

We must ensure that security and transport are efficient, that hundreds of different arrangements work correctly and to schedule, that there is an exciting cultural programme - one that does credit to the traditions of this country - and that the rules and procedures of the Olympic movement are strictly observed.

This is not a cheap venture. But we intend that the Games should be run at a profit and our aim is to generate funds and facilities for London and for sport. We want to earn revenues that can be divided between the London boroughs and between the governing bodies of sport.

This is not a private venture. Staging an Olympic Games involves the co-operation and commitment of the host city and country. We shall need hundreds of volunteers to operate the many different parts of the event's systems. We shall require political will and effort, at local and national level. The Games are about the community; they are an opportunity for the community to show its best, to the world.

Why London? Simply, because London has the history and tradition; we have staged the Games twice before and in 1948 we helped re-establish the momentum of the movement after the second world war. Because we have the heavyweight financial and operational expertise. Because we already have some renowned facilities that will grace the Games. Because we are already a major sporting centre.

And because I believe that only London, with its unique status and prestige, can take on the exciting global competition that lies ahead in the race for AD

Ill-fated Lamb dishes up a roasting

From Alan Lee CRICKET CORRESPONDENT BALLARAT

LIFE has not been serene for Alian Lamb on this tormented England tour. On the day he chose to remind Australia that they do not hold a monopoly on the Dean Jones school of artful aggression, fate was lurking to floor him again.

Lamb's second-day century, as England made 220 for three against Victoria, was scored at a speed and a style to equal anything Jones achieved the previous day. It was intimidating in its command and, however briefly, it lifted the sense of oppression weighing on this England team.

But even the good days are bad for England and within an hour of holing out to Jones's occasional off spin for a vivid 141, Lamb was hobbling back into the team's motel with a calf injury from which he is unlikely to make a full recovery before the Test match in Melbourne on Boxing Day.

Despite having batted for almost three hours, Lamb elected to run the five miles back from the ground, an admirable concept in theory but one which has caused him f before. In Barbados, 11 months ago, he tripped off a It must be like waking up pavement and damaged his every morning not confident calf. Yesterday, he repeated the performance.

Laurie Brown, the team's physiotherapist and busicst man in the party, treated the injury with ice and then intimated that Lamb would regard it as an inconvenience but not a deterrent. "We could have done without it and there is certainly a chance he will not be properly fit for Wednesday. But that will not necessarily stop him playing."

Poor Lamb. Quite apart from inheriting the captaincy at a time which suited neither his own style nor England's needs, he has been afflicted on this tour by problems with his eyes, his face and his neck. There are times when he has looked thoroughly miserable and yet he remains, as yes-terday's innings proved, England's best chance of taking on the Australians at their own abrasive batting game.

On top of everything else yesterday, the depleted party temporarily lost its team manager. Micky Stewart had for three days been suffering numbness in his right leg, inhibiting him at practice, in which he loves to be involved, and causing him obvious

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not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-124, 2-301, 3-308, 4-319, 5-342, 6-367, 7-441. BOWLING: Matcolm 31-6-85-2; Smell 18-2-35-0; Schroel 27-3-9-0; Turinell 38-8-125-2; Agreton 19-2-78-2.

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He travelled back to Melbourne yesterday, where he underwent tests but despite being detained overnight in a private hospital, he will rejoin the squad today with a specialist's report indicating nothing worse than the side effects of a

chest infection. Nobody could have blamed Stewart had his condition been a by-product of the stress your car is going to start and, even if it does, how far it will get you. It was all very well sustaining the thought that one good win, one good day, could turn the tour around. It had become a question of doubting whether such a phenomenon was possible, a fear which yesterday's events

only partly relieved.

The fact that Lamb is responsible for the entire tally of first-class centuries on tour, now standing at a meagre three, is not cause to raise a glass. One man may be doing his job commendably well; too many more are falling down. Almost the same thing can be said of the bowling, where only Fraser and Tufnell presently merit much trust, so even if one adds the consistent excellence of Russell's

Test match with no more than four players at their best. The bowling was exposed once again before lunch and specifically in the final 45 minutes when Berry and Hughes, neither one a recognised batsman, shared 74 runs. Long before then, Small had retreated to the pavilion, his thigh having rebelled in-

side two overs, which surely

wicketkeeping, England are approaching the Melbourne

discounts him from Test

consideration, Malcolm bowled straighter than on Thursday, which was not difficult, but Bicknell continues to be beset by problems, not least his own obvious distress when hit. Choosing between this pair will not be easy, and for all the wrong

Merv Hughes quickly dem-onstrated that a fast bowler need not be impotent on this pitch by passing the outside edges of Gooch and Atherton with regularity. If either batsman had been in better touch, he would probably have nicked one to the wicketkeeper, as it was, things were just beginning to perk up

from this tortuous start when Gooch played a firm straight drive, only to run himself out attempting a third to long-on. There followed a scene of

similar distress. Alec Stewart, promoted to No. 3 on the misleading evidence of some fluent strokes in one-day games, gave a convincing precis of the reasons against such a move. Hughes hit him painfully on the hand as he struggled to get in line with a lifting ball; disturbed, he survived only one more delivery Fleming and ballooning a

return catch. Coming in at 21 for two, Lamb did not immediately indicate he would be staying long. Shuffling in front to his second ball, he was fortunate to escape a leg-before verdict but when O'Donnell summoned his spinner, Jackson, the pressure was eased and two contrasting contests

developed. At one end, we saw Atherton confronting a barrage of short balls, not to say an overdose of glowering and muttering from Hughes, with great aplomb. At the other, Lamb was picking his spot on the adjoining bowling green as Jackson repeatedly fed his on

In eight balls from the hapless left-armer, Lamb hit three sixes and three fours. Soon he was as disdainful of the other bowling, reaching his century out of 139 some while before Atherton completed 50. But for Atherton, too, this

was an important day of retrenchment and if his unbeaten 59 in four hours was not altogether to the liking of the 4,000 crowd, it would serve an admirable purpose come next Wednesday in the dire circumstances 10 which England have become



With not so much as a glance at Jones: Lamb lifts up English hearts with a century

Stephenson stands by to lead tour

By RICHARD STREETON

coaching and playing in Queens-land club cricket, has been put on standby to lead England A on their nine-week tour to Pakistan and Sri Lanka in the new year. Stephenson, aged 25, will take over if Hugh Morris, the des-

advantage of being match fit and acclimatised, will return to London to leave with the A team on January 7, if necessary. Morris, who was summoned as a replacement to Australia when Gooch injured his hand last month, has hardly played a match. He has looked in good order, though, at practice and following Larkins's struggle to find form, the tour management could decide to keep him in

unfortunate to mise A team selection after averaging 54.06 last summer with Essex, when he scored three centuries and 13

proven success, first with Dur-

Records fall to brothers

PERTH (Reuter) - Mark and Steve Waugh, the twin brothers, eclipsed two of the most notable names in first-class cricket history as they shared a record fifth-wicket stand of 464 for New South Wales against West-Australia in the Sheffield Shield yesterday.

The partnership exceeded the previous fifth-wicket record of 405, set by Sir Donald Bradman and Sid Barnes for Australia against England in the 1946-7 season, it also beat the previous Australian record for any wicket, topping the 462 made by David Hookes and Wayne Philips for South Australia in the 1986-7 season.

New South Wales declared their first innings at 601 for four, with Mark Waugh 229 not out and Steve unbeaten on 216.

Neither of the brothers, aged 25, offered a chance on their way to career-best individual scores. Mark, who played for Essex last season, became only the elev-enth Australian to score more than 3,000 first-class runs in a calendar year. The pair batted on after it was established that he record of Hookes and Phillips was within reach. The declaration came as soon as the milestone had been passed. The stand was the eleventh highest first-class partnership

JOHN Stephenson, the Essex ham University and later with opening batsman, who has been the Combined Universities and was chosen last summer to lead the TCCB XI under-25 side

against India. Bearing in mind the amabassadorial duties, the England committee, under Ted

cashire left-hander, who is the A team vice-captain, is still regarded as the senior batsman in the party. Fairbrother has never managed to reproduce his county form in Test matches.

The England committee deliberately went outside the original touring party in their

choice for a substitute captain so

Neil Fairbrother, the Lan-

that Fairbrother could con-centrate on scoring runs. Meanwhile, the Christmas holiday period meant it was essential to set in motion the replacement processes for Mor-ris as captain should it become necessary. Ironically, though, it could be that the selectors' biggest problem will still be to find a substitute for DeFreits as an all-rounder should be also be

he scored three centuries and 13
fifties. He is also a useful
partnership breaker as a medium-pace bowler and proved a
spood tourist with the A side in
Zimbabwe last souter.

More importantly, perhaps,
as a captain, Stephenson was a

an all-volunder should ne also be
retained in Australia.

David Capel, of Northamptonshire, immediately
springs to mind but all discussion by the England committee is being postponed until asked to stay.

Pakistan's cup on run-rate

SHARJAH (Reuter) - Pakistan beat Sri Lanka by 50 runs vesterday to avenge their defeat in Thursday's opening match and win the Sharjah Cup one-day tournament by virtue of a superior run-rate over the two

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Golf's debt to Palmer recognised as tribute is paid to a legend

By Ken Lawrence

HE IS 60, greying and slightly deaf, yet on the first day of the Open at St Andrews he still drew the biggest gallery. It was a little like a royal walkabout.
Arnold Palmer, idolised by an army of fans for his "go for broke" style and revered by his who gave modern golf its status and riches, had decreed that this was to be his last Open.

Thirty years on from his first appearance, also at St Andrews, in 1960, and finding that two rounds of par golf were no longer sufficient to make the cut and the final two days, he flew his own helicopter out of Scotland "disappointed", but going with dignity.

In Channel 4's wonderfully warm tribute, Arnold Palmer Signing Off, on Christmas Day, the stars queue up to praise him. "The first time I saw him was in Chicago. He hit a driver
... I saw sparks fly off the
green grass," Gary Player, who,
with Jack Nicklaus, formed the other two-thirds of golf's Big Three throughout the Sixtes and Seventies, says.

"The first time I saw him," Sam Torrance says. "he had

SPORT ON **TELEVISION** THE WEEK IN VIEW

Greg Norman is in no doubt as to the debt owed by every professional to Palmer: "He created the game we have. Everyone out there is lucky; we are playing for a lot of money and it all started with Arnie.

more people will watch him pack the boot of his car than most of us will have watching us when leading a tour ously: "I do not know how we can ever repay him." Arnold Palmer Signing Off is more than just a tribute to a sporting colossus. Backed by black an white snippets from his Mas-ters and US Open victories in Britain, it is approaching a life story, supremely written and narrated by lan Wooldridge.

decades which saw "Arme's Army" marching alongside

Lee Trevino jokes that TODAY: Live rugby union on Screensport (from 12.30pm) with Cueensland and Toulouse, conquerors of Bath, in the Toulouse Masters final: rugby league on Crandstand with the tirst semi-final of the Penal Troppy (around rallycross, and charry skins coll at Surningdale involving lan Woos-nam, Al 6.55pm on BBC2, there are 45 splendid minutes recapturing the World Disabled Games in

He takes us through the three

which have made him - even by American standards - very rich. Palmer has four homes, his own airline, and designs golf courses all around the world for fees ranging from \$750,000 to \$1,200,000. "No one." Wooldridge says, "would claim he was the greatest golfer who ever lived, but none would dispute that no man left a more indetible mark on golf." It was Palmer's father, Mil-

ford, who fashioned both the

man and the golfer. Known to

of the Regal Trophy (around 2.05pm) between Bracford Northern and Rochca'e Homets. This

BBC1 show, which opens up at 12.15pm, features the Welsh Grand National from Chepstow,

Aston Villa and Arsenal takes pride of place (ITV, 2.55pm). Skung tans was. Arnold insists, "the biggest influence in everything i did; my golf, my bife . . . a harsh, tough taskmaster." At seven, Arnold had been taught so well that he regularly broke 100. He was also taught the right way to play and to live. When at high school he threw a club, retribution was fierce. "I was playing so a match and missed a one-and-a-half or two-foot putt that would have left me one up with two to play. I wheeled on the green and threw

the putter over trees all the way to the 18th tee. The moment I mistake. My father came to me after the match and said that if I ever did it again, as long as I lived in his house I would never play golf again. He meant

Palmer turned professional late – at 25, after winning the US Amateur Championship and just about everything else open to amateur players. And the professionals were no more able to stop the Palmer charge

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

are catered for just about every-where — BSC2 (Six Sunday, 5:30pm); Channel 4 (Going Down Hill Fast, 7pm), and Eurosport (the MONDAY: We are into the reviews of the year now. Peter Alkss kooks back on go!! in 1990 (BSC2, 11.25am) and Eurosport tooks back at Paul Gascoigne's tearful exit from the World Cup in Italy

TUESDAY: A day for the video: Arnold Palmer's farewell to the Open is at noon on Channel 4; Torvill and Dean in their Farewell to Brackhell are on Eurosport (8-10pm), and Carmen on ice, starring Katarina Witt and Brian Bortano, is on Channel 4 (9-10.30pm). The

second Test from Melbourne be-gins at midnight. Sky One has action throughout the night each night. WEDNESDAY: Desert Orchid goes

back to Kempton Park for the King George VI Flank Chase (Channel 4 from 12.35pm). Preceding the racing (11 30am) is the first in a new daily golfing series carrying Tony Jackin's name, with Sam Torrance Jackin's name, with Sam Torrance captaining sportsmen and Roman Rafferty leading enternamers in nine-hole matches, it is Desmond Lynam's him to be the Lynam's turn to look back, on the World Cup (BBC1, 10.30-11.30am) and Screensport starts a daily look at those wonderful Harlem Globe-troiters performing in the Netherlands (1.30pm).
THURSDAY: Plenty of sunshine sport, with Test cricket on Sky One

(it closes with highlights between 7-7.30am) and hopman Cup tenns in Penn (Eurosport, 3-5pm). There is also an exhibition football match veen a World XI and Brazil in Milan to pay homage to Pere on his littleth birthday (Eurosport, 7-9pm), and rather a chilly affair on Channel A with the Tony Jackin pro-celebrity golf from Le Touquet (11.30am), and more Kempton racing (11.30am-3.10pm)

In 1958 he won the Masters;

two years later, when he did so

again, there was a crucial difference — television had

discovered the game. Weeks

later, the cameras were there

again as Palmer overhauled 14 players ahead of him on the

leader board on the final morn-ing with an epic round of 65 to

win the US Open. America was

It was then that he made his

in raptures; it had also discovered a small-screen star.

first visit to St Andrews and the

FRIDAY: Nigel Manselt demonstrates his golding skills in to-day's pro-celeprity challenge (Channel 4, 11.30am), the US professional figure skitting championships are on Screensport (6-7.30pm), while BBC2 has highlighes of the third day's play in Melbourne at 4.30pm.

British Open - a visit that was to prove the kiss of life for a fading championship. A history it might have had; a player of charisma and presence it desperately needed. Palmer was

Charisma? "Arnie fell out of bed with it." Player says. Presence? "He is barely 5ft 10in but full of it," Wooldridge says. The rest is already golfing legend. Palmer's love affair with Britain and the Open saw him win it twice, but more critically he was to revitalise the game in much the way that Henry Cotton had done a generation before.

Without wishing to be envious of any man's talents I must say that it would be nice 10 know that, at 60 years of age, one might be able to smile and be nice to thousands of lans. sign a few hundred autographs. answer a lot of daft questions from total strangers, and still be able to play two rounds of par

One man I could never envy, and would never wish to emulate, is Michael Prufer, of Monaco — the fastest man on earth without propulsion. He is a speed skier, one of those who accelerates down a mountain, going from 0-60mph in two-and-a-half seconds half seconds - faster even than a Formula One

and gravity to assist him The final programme in the Equinox series on Channel 4 tomorrow (7pm) looks at speed skiers and the waxing of their

Scientific study of snow formation and proper waxing ("which is like adding a turbo charger") has enabled a French speed skier to climb from 35th in the world rankings to second

in just one season.
Prufer, already timed at 139mph over the 100-metre track, is tipped to crack 150mph one day. If not him, then somebody will, Equinox forecasts as the programme shows how skis waxed better than all the others, and with an ingredient that costs \$100 for 30 grammes - somewhe between the price of gold and silver - can mean a fifth of a second to a competitor's time. the difference between first place and fiftieth. I doubt somehow that even the first 150mph speed skier will cap-ture hearts quite like Arnie

Palmer. The tribute to Amie would not seem to be going out at the most convenient time of day (12 noon on Tuesday), so remember to put it on video. It warrants a quiet and reflective

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IT WOULD seem, on the face mood tomorrow. of it, that the last thing Arsenal would want this weekend would want this weekend setback, but we are all deter-would be to find themselves mined to be positive," George back in the spotlight. But knowing how well they respond to adversity, they will probably welcome the opportunity to demonstrate their solidarity to the nation before ITV's cameras at Villa Park and we will be going for it."

The imprisonment of Tony Adams for four months, dependent upon appeals of Tony Andy Linighan, who has yet to start a game since his £1.2 million transfer from Norwich dependent upon appeals or remission, for drink-driving cluded in the squad, but is by offences is likely to have the same galvanising effect upon Arsenal as did their humili-Assenal as did their humilias particularly concerned at the hands of about Villa's height at set Rumbelows Cup to less pieces. On Linighan's one Manchester United in a pieces. On Linighan's one Rumbelows Cup tie last appearance as substitute, month. Liverpool felt the force of Arsenal's indignation promptly conceded two goals. turn of Aston Villa,

concur yesterday, at least not matter because such is the Stuart Gray, the captain, who character in the side that they Stuart Cray, the captain, who character in the side that they Leeds United are on a likened the loss of Adams to are all captains." David different kind of roll — 11 that of Villa losing David O'Leary and Paul Davis games without defeat. Those Platt. "He organises them at Platt. "He organises them at the back and is a key figure at free kicks so they are bound to which to make amends after only to turn up at Elland Road miss him," he said. The long- one win in eight League where Leeds's game against term affect to Arsenal could be games, are again poised to Sunderland at Roker Park is to them in their motivated ket. Jozef Venglos, their mantelevision. more damaging than it will be

"We've had another big Graham, the Arsenal man-ager, said. "The bigger the problem, the more positive player.
you've got to be. We have a Bobb
club record of 18 League Queen's games without defeat to set

no means certain to take over from Adams, unless Graham

not decided who would be Villa were not about to captain. "It doesn't really

would appear to be favourites,

ager, visited Red Star Belgrade during the week and opened negotiations for a player believed to be either Slobodan Marovic, a full back, or Refik Sabanadzovic, a midfield

Bobby Gould, the new Queen's Park Rangers assistant manager, found it necessary to travel no further than Grimsby to land his catch; Andy Tillson, a defender, for whom Rangers will pay £500,000 after a specified number of appearances.

Don Howe, the Rangers manager, has also taken Gould's advice and signed Darren Peacock, another defender, from Hereford United for £200,000. The pair are likely to make their first appearances tomorrow against Derby County at the Baseball Ground as Rangers attempt to avoid their tenth consecutive defeat

seeking alternative viewing to Villa, who have plenty for The Match tomorrow have

Robson's return welcomed

By LOUISE TAYLOR

revel in starting for Tottenham Hotpsur at home to Leton Town, while Jimmy Case returns to run the Southampton midfield at Liverpool.

back from suspension to spear-head the Coventry City attack at Chelson; Dave Watson in the Coventry City attack at Cheisea; Dave Watson intends to lead out Everton at Norwich City, and Terry Gibson would relish a goal for Wimbledon against Manchester United, United will aim to make a

clean break with the past, how-ever. In four League visits they have failed to win at Plough Lane, drawing twice and losing

This afteraoon's attempt to make it fifth time lucky in London SW19 is enhanced by the likely return from injury of Bryan Robson, the England captain, who is expected to make his first full appearance of the certains.

the season, at sweeper.

Gibson, who has recently returned to the Wimbledon first yesterday: "I hope Bryan plays, haps the answer would be for Nottingham Forest.

SEVERAL first-division players although it is going to make our are poised to face their former job harder, and if he is at clubs today. Paul Walsh would sweeper he may be up against to go to the back at international level. He have 100 and I am super he

"Having been out for a long time myself I understand how be feels, and it will be great to play against him. It was always a

"I think Bryan could play in pretty much any position. He played sweeper once or twice when I was at Old Trafford. He knows the same inside out and will read it so well from the

back.
"But I think he could still "But I think he could still have another couple of seasons in the midfield, particularly at club level. He has come back from injury before so often and I know that it gets easier the more you come back. You get to know when you are ready to return.

"I think his age is irrelevant, really. Bryan was always the fittest player at United when I was there, and I am sure there is plenty left in him. Paul Gascoigns and David Platt have formed a good partnership in the England midfield, so per-

to have 100, and I am sure he

With Wimbledon bolstered by four wins and a draw in their last five games it will be anything but easy for Robson who may be required to tangle with John Fashann, their formidable centre forward - and

Three weeks after Crystal Palace lost 3-0 at Manchester Paisce lost 3-0 at Manchestar City last season, they invested £1 million in the goalkeeping talents of Nigel Martyn, from Bristol Rovers. Today's rematch between the high-flying teams at Maine Road will feature not one but two six-figure goalkeepers, as City include Tony Coton, their own £1 million acquisition from Watford.

Meanwhile, Shaffield United will be hoping for some seasonal generosity from Brian Clough as they seek their first League win

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

First division Chelsea v Coventry Townsend and Monkou are expected to return for Chelesa. Stuart is likely to step down and competee with Wilson and Nicholas for places on the bench.

Covertry are without Butcher (loss) but welcome Speeda back from suspension.

Liverpool v Southampton Beardsky (ankle) is very doubtful for Liverpool; Cousine, a young forward, is added to the 16-strong squad along with McManaman. Southernpton are in-strong squad along with McManaman. Southerplon are without Adams (throat infection) and Osman (knee); Cockerill and Benall deputise in defence. Case returns to the midfield

Man City ▼ C Palace Reid, Megson, and Heath all return for City, who name Clarke and Harper as substitutes. Palace and Barber to the squad but there is no place for Hodges. Norwich v Everton

returns from injury. Fox and Biades are still absent, however, McCall (stomach strain) is very doubtful for Everton, who choose -from 15. Hinchcliffe returns to the detence for the first time since a Sheff Utd v Nott'm Forest United hope to recell Marwood after injury. With Sutton not yet restored to match fitnes.

Crossley continues in Forest's goal. Hodge has passed a times that on his call and is a substitute of the call and is a

Tottenham v Luton Macboutt (thigh) faces a late fitness test for Tottenham; Tuttle or Thomas could deputise. If Allen is recalled to the midfield, where Waish or Stewart would drop to substitute. Luton are expected to abandon their sweeper system, omitting Beaumont. Hughes returns from injury and Farrell could start in attack rather than on the

Wimbledon v Man Utd Phelan (knee) faces a late fitness test for Wimbledon; Elkins stands by. Scales and McGee

also face checks, but are more likely to start. Robson starts his first full game of the season for United, probably at sweeper.

Tomorrow Aston Villa v Arsenal Olney (knee) is still absent for Villa so Caucarino continues in wine so Categorino confinues in attack, as does Comyn in defence where Mountfield is suspended. Arsenel are without Adams (gail); Linighan or O'Leary will deputise in central defence. Winterburn (pelvis) and Dixon (flu) face fitness tests. Derby v QPR

Derby delay selection. Madditr is fit to return to a CPFI defence where Tilson and Prescock, signed from Grimsby and Hereford respectively yesterday, will make their debuts. Parker, McDereld and prescore. McDonald, and Law are all still absent through injury. Sunderland v Leeds Gabbiedhi (loves) and Davenport (hamstring) face late fitness tests for Sunderland. Brady is poised to deputise in attack. Bennett plays despite a rib injury. Strachan is fit for Leeds.



Happy go plucky: Perryman (left) and his assistant, Peter Shreeve, look on the positive side of Watford's plight

Bridging the Watford gap

ACCORDING to Steve Perryman's memory, Tottenham Hotspur had lost their first six games and been knocked out of the League Cup by Middlesbrough 4-0 at home when he, as one of the reasons for it, was on the point of being sent to Coventry in a swap deal for Jimmy Holmes and Mick McGuire.

"The next day Terry Neill took over from Bill Nicholson and said to me: You're going nowhere. You're going to lead us out of this mess'." Perryman duly did and furthermore, during another 12 years at White Hart Lane as captain, led the club to numerous domestic and European successes.

It was an appropriate story to recount to the distillusioned players of Watford when Perryman joined them as man-ager just over three weeks ago. Their confidence had hit rock bottom and just about all of them wished that they could be sent to Coventry, too, "They were so disappointed with themselves. The look on their faces when they did something wrong. It was as if they were saying: Asah, I made that mistake. Go on hammer me'," Perryman said.

"We've all had the confidence crisis. I have had it as a player and as a manager. You go down the shops, you get it in your ear, bottom of the league, lost again'. We've all had that ball coming at us from out of the air and thought: 'I'm going to miss this'. It's a question of how you get out of it."

Watching Perryman give a practical demonstration in his cosy, smart manager's office at Vicerage Road of how he helps players to "push the mistake out through your body by positive means" was a reminder that football managers have to be pretty good at psychoanalysis as well as housekeeping, public rela-tions, scouting and the hundred other odd skills demanded by the job if they are to be successful.

Perryman, who was 39 yesterday, was forced to learn about most of them when thrown in at the deep end at Brentford where he succeeded Frank McLintock as manager within three months of arriving at Griffin Park as a vastly experienced player but a total novice in the "trickery" of management. "I would have preferred another year to 18 months as assistant manager.

CLIVE WHITE

It was a long way from what I knew as a Perryman spent three-and-a-half

years of "battling" at Brentford, often with the chairman, before walking out on them in pre-season. "I could have sat there and taken their money and cheated or left. It was a poor time to leave them but a good time in the way I was thinking."

He was scouting for Middlesbrough when the Watford job became available after the dismissal of the luckless Colin Lee who, coincidentally was not only a former team-mate of Perryman's at Tottenbam but had also been his youth development officer at Griffin Park.

Then, for the second time in ten years Perryman was offered employment at his local club. Graham Taylor tried to sign him as captain when Watford were in the second division but eventually went for Pat Rice. "Tottenham had not longer contract and I would have come. I liked the image and I liked what they were doing. It would have been a different same for me. Instead of being a right back who knocked it into Hoddle I would have been a right back who had to knock it a bit further. But I would have seen it as a long pass rather than a long boot," Perryman said.

The Watford that Perryman eventually joined was no longer the thrusting concern that it had been under a dynamic young manager backed by an idealistic, wealthy young chairman. Elton John's interest had waned with Taylor's resignation and with £4 million in debts, the club had long since departed from the yellow brick road.

Three managers removed from Tay-lor and a lot of broken dreams in between, comparisons with the past are no longer as uncomfortable or as unfair as they were for, say, Dave Bassett. Indeed, Perryman welcomes them. They are a reminder to him that he is working at a club of some stature where the England manager made his name. Besides, Perryman is used to following in rather large footsteps, Blanchflower

and Mackay as a Tottenham captain, and the double and push and run teams. "I have always paid great respect to

what happened in the past. If there are good people here through Taylor's work that can only be a plus for me. There will be times when I will ask what would Graham have done. I mean, Graham Taylor was bottom of the league, I am sure, a few times."

The arrival of Perryman at Vicarage Road along with Peter Shreeve, his former coach and manager at Tottenham, as his assistant, will be seen by outsiders as a culture shock for those Watford faithful raised on a rather less fancy diet than that which has been the order of the day for so long at White

But Perryman pointed out that Watford were evolving and that "it's a hell of an education for young players to come through a disciplined approach to the game". Rather modestly, Perryman describes himself as being "a bit of a workrate player".

Perryman appreciated that their arrival had coincided with a change in the club's terrible misfortune with injuries. for which he sympathised with his predecessor. Gary Penrice, a £500,000 purchase from Bristol Rovers, had, for instance, hitherto been unavailable all season to Lee. But their immediate decision to restore Glenn Roeder, the reserve team manager/player, to the first team in the position of sweeper has. they felt, been the most significant factor in the team's short but remarkable revival which could lead to them moving off the bottom of the table tomorrow if they win away to Leicester

Four games without defeat under Perryman is proof that a change of managers is not always the daft, desperate solution of desperate directors. Not so much because one manager is better than another, but because of the fresh impetus it can give to players. "You need surges in your career to pump you on again. People say that because I spent 19 years at Tottenham I was a loyal servant. It's easy to be loyal when you're straight in the side at 17. I got my surges from working under five different managers. The same surge we're looking to give these players."

PFA gives warning of a legal challenge

ANTHONY PHELPS

By LOUISE TAYLOR

THE Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) yesterday confirmed that it was no longer prepared to support the Football Association's disciplinary schedule in its entirety, and is prepared to challenge its system of football justice in the law

courts.
Introduced ten years ago, the Introduced ten years ago, the schedule prevents "tactical" appeals and abuses of the FA's overloaded administrative system. However Gordon Taylor, the PFA's chief executive, yesterday said: "With improvements in technology and the increase in video proceedings and increase in video recordings and television coverage generally we believe there is now ample opportunity to properly and speedily assess the merit of appeals.

"We believe that the system of automatic penalties for sending-off cases with no right of appeal is against natural justice and has caused several mis-carriages of football justice. The present system is further under-mined by the FA's willingness to use television evidence to bring disrepute charges against clubs and players irrespective of any or no action taken by the

Accordingly, Taylor is pre-pared to challenge the FA rules in court as being contrary to natural justice, "What is sauce natural justice. "What is sauce for goose should be sauce for the gander, or else the FA faces its system of justice being challenged in the courts," he said. "It is against this/background that we no longer feel able to

In a we to longer the labe to support the present system."

In sending-off cases, Taylor and the PFA would like to see an automatic right of appeal within the 14-day period before the supportant of the present the support automatic suspension takes effect, where there is "substantial" evidence, particularly television film, to justify such a review.

"We shall continue to press this point — which we have been pressing for the past two years — as we believe it is essential that this is introduced if the FA's disciplinary schedule is not to fall apart at the seams with the frustration of players, managers, and clubs where a clear error of judgment has been made by a referee. In a professional game and a multi-million-pound in-dustry, referees should be as accountable as players, managers, and directors," Taylor

A gap that Aberdeen must close

By RODDY FORSYTH

THE Scottish championship reaches the halfway mark this afternoon with two matches on the fixture card thrown into relief by the events of the past two weeks. As far as the eventual destination of the title is concerned, the meeting at Ibrox of Rangers and Aberdeen is the most significant.

sides were separable only by goal difference at the head of the table but since then Rangers have extended their lead to three points. Aberdeen travelled to Glasgow last night knowing that a defeat today would leave them with much to do.

Rangers add the lively young midfield player. Robertson, to the 13 on duty last week against St Mirren. For Aberdeen, Irvine is available and Connor may be fit to play in midfield.

At MacDiarmid Park, Celtic will again feel the intensity of outside scrutiny when they meet St Johnstone. Despite specula-tion that Billy McNeill's second tenure as manager at Parkhead is about to end, the Celtic directors intend that there should be an interlude of calm. at least over the festive period Elsewhere, St Mirren des-perately require to make up ground at the foot of the table against Hibernian at Love Street, while Danfermline have a tricky home encounter with Dunder United Heart of Midlo-thian and Motherwell make up the card at Tynecastle.

SNOW REPORTS

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Excellent skiing everywhere
Val d'isère 58 130 good varied good fair -3 19/12
Skiing remains excellent with powder still to be found
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Superb skiing everywhere

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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.



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SNOOKER O'Boye given one-match suspension

THE World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association has suspended Joe O'Boye, of Leicester, for one tournament — the Mercantile Credit Classic beginning in Bournemouth on January 1 — for misconduct at the Rothmans Grand Prix in Reading in October (Steve

Acteson writes).
O'Boye, aged 30 and ranked
No. 62 in the world, is alleged to
have verbally abused members
of staff at the Hexagon Theatre and the tournament director, Ann Yates. The suspension will also cost O Boye the £1,250 he had already earned in qualifying for the last 64.

SKIING

Course change hits Oxford

CAMBRIDGE won the J. W. Lees Brewery University race at Vai d'Isère yesterday after Oxford's chances were hit by a late

Course change.
Oxford had dominated the giant slalom on the first day, taking the first five places, and were clear favourites to take the

overall prize.

But, after the course for yesterday's slalom had been altered, two of their six-man team were adjudged to have missed a gate. A protest was turned down, and Cambridge were declared winners by five a convincing win in the wom-

Tackling the bare statistics

By KEITH MACKLIN

THERE is no excuse for any rugby league follower to be ignorant of any basic fact or statistic about the game. There cannot be any loopholes left in what, for the sport, has been the year of the reference book. year of the reference book.

In the absence of tomes of history, biography or autobiography, the rapidly expanding bookshelf of the 13-a-side code has been augmented by three books of data and statistics which, through good luck or probably good management, have avoided clashing.

lan Proctor, a freelance journalist, and Andrew Varley, a photographer, have produced the Stones Bitter Rugby League Directory (Kingswood Press, £8.99). Every club in the League is given a potted history and the statistics are cut to the essential bone, with details of the highest try, goal and points scorers and international caps.

Every club, it seems, has something to be proud of in its The British Coal Rugby history. The Bramley motto of League Yearbook 1990-91

PAUL Kimmage, the former professional cyclist who knew the dangers of the world's hardest road races — he has naden in the Tour de France

and the Giro d'Italia — is a brave man. He had to be while guiding

his bike down mountains at

60mph and he has had to be doubly brave to write A Rough Ride (Stanley Paul, £12.95).

It is not pleasant reading. There is much about self-injec-



SPORTS BOOKS OF THE YEAR

What are the best sports books of 1990? Specialist writers for The Times give their verdicts

non sine pulvere palma — not without effort comes the prize — is applicable to a club which took 94 years to win its one and only trophy, the Floodlit Cup of 1973. There are 160 of Varley's photographs, many in colour, enhancing the text.

Kimmage has broken the unwritten rule of professional cycling his book lifts the lid on

doping and spurns the strict law

of silence among riders.

Now he is paying the penalty:
ostracisation by his former colleagues. He had, within its
pages. "spat in the soup"

according to a French saying, in disclosing alleged instances of

Kimmage, an Irishman, never

reached the great beights of the

two dominant Irish cyclists,

(Kingswood Press, £7.99) actually covers the events of the 1989-90 season through the eyes of a team of writers. This year's coverage has 64 extra pages of special articles, and covers exhaustively the growth and revival in France, and the seasons in Australia, New Zealand and Papus New Guinea. Panua New Guinea. Finally, as befits the top of the

This is the usual gold mine about standing events, historic and recent, and an Aladdin's cave of every conceivable national and international statistic. Old soldiers will never die, and old names will never be forgotten as long as Rothman's details

Finally, as bents the top of the bill, the splendid Rothman's Rugby League Yearbook (Queen Anne Press, £12.95) edited by Raymond Fletcher and David

for posterity the fact that F Boylen, of Hull, played one international match against Australia in 1908 and that a

his team leader. He was a domestique, a water carrier dedicated to his captain.

clean" in all his races.

to the greens By GORDON ALLAN HAVING played together with considerable success for 25 years, David Bryant and David

introduction

Rhys Jones have done the sensible thing and written a book together, The Game of Bowls (Partridge Press, £9.99). They tell you how to start and how to play, explain the laws, language and etiquette, give a section to famous players and An autobiographical intro-duction and well-chosen photo-

graphs contribute to an

exemplary book of its kind, The Woolwich/Daily Telegraph Bowls Yearbook 1991 (edited by Donald Newby; Pan Books, £9.99) does comprehensive justice to the sport, from the Commonwealth Games to seaside tournaments, and from an

Rough guide to an unacceptable face of cycling succumbed. The syringe was used, possibly £50 worth of His job in cycling was to protect

amphetamines in it, declares Kimmage. He never paid for it.

In those circumstances no

He loved the professional money changes hands between game and knew of its reputation as a sport in which stimulants the riders.
In international events, cywere used. But the youngster from Dublin had already made cling has led the way — with Britain in the vanguard for almost 30 years — in the up his mind that he would be crackdown on drug abuse. But Kimmage highlights regional Often finding himself on unequal terms (he appears not always to have dedicated him-

An exemplary IN BRIEF Conway's cash help

JOANNE Conway, the British ice skating champion, has been given support worth £4,000 by a group of businessmen from her native North-East. The cash will help Conway with her daily journey from North Shields to Sunderland, for training and other expenses as she prepares for the European championships in February and the world event in March.

Peter Vardy, a garage group owner, is providing Conway with a car and has organised the other businessmen in her sponsorship team. RACKETS: Matthew Windows

and Alexander Smith-Bingham and Alexander Smita-Bingham have reached the final of the public schools' Foster Cup at Queen's Club, London. Win-dows, the defending champion, made heavy weather of beating Philip Le Marchand in the semifinal, but Smith-Bingham had AMERICAN FOOTBALL:

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Fred Washington, the Chicago Bears defensive tackle, has died in a car crash. Washington, aged 23, a second-round draft pick from Texas Christian University, was killed when his car jumped a curb and hit a tree.

CYCLING: David Baker, the national cyclo-cross champion and Steve Douce, his likely rival for the 1991 championship in January, miss the weekend domestic programme for overseas races. Baker rides in Belevents where sponsors want success and organisers are not until January 1; Douce will be in self to the daily grind of train-required to have any form of Spain for an important event,

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Britain's discovery of the year may go west to the US

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ANDREA Wallace, British distance running's find of the year, is considering setting up home in the United States. As she prepared yesterday to show once more this weekend that she may be a world-beater in the making, Wallace disclosed that she and her boyfriend have put their 12 West Country properties on the market with a view to moving.

Wallace, aged 24, has won almost every important women's cross-country race in Britain this year, yet 18 months ago she was a mother in need of a hobby. "I had to have something, otherwise it would have been just the children all the time," she

Running is now more a way of life than a hobby. She is the inter-counties and British cross-country champion and holds national titles for 3,000 and 10,000 metres. Britain's women athletes have been accused by Saily Gunnell's coach, Bruce Longden, of lacking ambition beyond the shores of their own country. That hardly applies to

"There are people who are satisfied with fourth, fifth or sixth, but if I am fourth or fifth I brood on it for weeks," she said. And what was her reaction to having annulied the points she had gained for winning last month the first of 11 World Cross Challenge races this winter? "It will

of coaching, is to take on two more outside assignments next

year, accepting responsibility for the fitness training of one of the

world's top tennis players and a leading Formula One motor racing driver (David Powell

Dick is to work with Mary Joe

Fernandez, who reached two grand slam tournament finals

this year and rose to No. 4 in the women's world rankings, and Gerhard Berger, the Austrian who finished fourth this year in the world drivers' champ-

ionship. Three years ago, Dick was hired by Boris Becker, the

one I run now," she said. The series, introduced by the International Amateur

Athletic Federation (IAAF) this season to raise the profile of cross-country, was immediately criticised by Wallace. Because the first race in Bolbec failed to reach the IAAF's minimum criterion of 12 qualified athletes, Wallace's 25 points were scrapped. "I don't think there is any point in doing the series," she said then. "It is dead before it

Despite the IAAF's stance vesterday that there will be no immediate relaxing of the rule which says that points may be scored in a race only "if 12 or more bonz fide competitors participate who have equalled or bettered the fiftieth best performance in the world at 3,000 metres, 5,000, 10,000,



Dick broadens his sports

with his conditioning and still

Considered the driving force behind Britain's success in winning nine gold medals at the European championships in Split last summer, Dick said yesterday that his new commitments would not impring an his

ments would not impinge on his national role. In fact, he said, both he and British athletics

might benefit by the exercise.
"It is regenerative for me to

do things outside athletics," Dick said. "It helps me to learn

about another side of achieve-

ment and one's personal skills as a coach benefit."

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offers him occasional advice.

(men)", Wallace has changed

"I need some races because I have done the training and I need to be up against top-class competition," she said. The field in Ninove tomorrow is expected to include three good Kenyans, Jane and Margaret Ngotho and Susan Sirma, as weil as Veronique Collard, from Belgium, and Uta Pippig, from Germany.

The series dictates that an athlete's best four races of the season count towards the championship, with scoring doubled at the world championship in Antwerp on March 24. A medal there will be Wallace's minimum target. After that a holiday in the United States "to see whether

because, hving in Torquay, ber nearest track is 24 miles away, and that is made of cinder. Her local grass track becomes a rugby pitch in winter, rendering it unusable in summer. Furthermore, Torquay is inconvenient for travel to international

Boulder, Colorado, the altitude home to a profusion of distance-running luminaries, is favoured. If the United States, yet to be visited by Wallace, proves undesirable, "the outskirts of London" is as she sees things now, second

United States, progressed from a semi-finalist at the French championships in 1989 to reach the final of the Australian tournament and the last four of

United States Open this year. She is seeking the edge to win a grand slam singles in 1991.

Berger drives for the McLaren

team which has the world

champion, Ayrton Senna, as its

No. 1. After crashing his Ferrari at 165mph in the San Marino

grand prix last year, suffering burns to face and hands, he was

British sculptor putting Tyson on a pedestal



this week in a foundry at Basingstoke, will feature in two exhibitions, alon with the bust of Gary Lineker, which has also just been finished (John Goodbody writes).

Neale Andrew, from Nottingham, is seen here putting the finishing touches to the bust of Tyson, the former world heavyweight boxing champion, which evolved when Andrew was sculpting

"The more I worked with other people, the more they began to look like Mike Tyson. He looks so formidable. He is like a sculpture in himself," Andrew said. The bost is two-and-ahalf times the size of Tyson's head.

Although Tyson never sat for Andrew, Lineker had several sessions of two hours at a time. Andrew said: "Most sportsmen have trouble sitting still. But Lineker was very easy. He understood exactly what I needed." Sir Richard Hadise, Geoff Boycott

the British Golf Museum at St Andrews and the Fieldbourne Galleries in St John's Wood, London.

of Fame in North Carolina, as does his bust of the late Sir George (Gubby) Allen, in the pavilion at Lord's. The exhibitions next year will be at

sportsmen who have sat for Andrew.

who has a single figure golf handicap

and love of many other sports. His

bronze of Jacklin occupies a place of honour in the United States PGA Hall

HOCKEY

Two-game Clark versus Southgate

JOHN Clark, who recently recovered from a hand injury, will have to hurry to keep goal for Slough this afternoon in the

Poundstreicher national league match against Southgate at Broomfield School. Clark also plays indoors for East Grinstead who begin the senier division of the Buttermen Indoor League at Crystal Palace this morning with a match against Khalsa starting at 10.40. Matches between Southgate and Slough have always been rich in quality. Last year, South-gate lost to Slough after being twice in the lead, their hopes

having been dashed by two goals from Barber at abort corners.

today as are Southgate, happily reinforced by the return of Kerty and Nick Clark who were unavailable last week.

Both clubs are aiming to get back among the leaders and Southgate believe that if they beat Slough and win their postponed matches against Welton and Wakefield some February in third position.

Today's game between Old equally important. With Havant at the head of the table and Hounslow, the champions, pushing hard, the way is open for about seven or eight clubs to finish within the first four so as

Old Loughtonians will probably not call on Gladman who has a hand injury. They are, however, playing with growing assurance and building up new patterns with Jennings playing at inside right and Constable at

Teddington, will also be prom-Teddington, encouraged by last week's 3-1 win over Welton, have stabilised their midfield with the return of Royce from his business commitments.
MoGuire and Blan will be at full
backs and Laslett's influence at centre half will be a telling

factor. Cambridge City have a

list of acorers with a total of nine goals, one below Bhaura, of Indian Gymkhana. Neston at home tomorrow

home, are expected to beat

chance to return to the top of the second division table provided they beat Galldford, tough opposition if Knapp continues the scoring spree which leaves him joint second with Hill in the

David Cutter, recently transferred from Ben Rhydding, will make his first appearance for first division matches arranged for the day. Grimley is also available for Neston. In the remaining match, Havant, at RUGBY LEAGUE

Northern in danger if Hornets sting twice

By KEITH MACKLIN

NOBODY gave Rochdale Hornets the ghost of a chance of winning their Regal Trophy tie at Castleford last week. It was, everybody believed, a foregone conclusion for Castleford against a side with only one win this season in the first division. Homets responded by turning form on its head and coming back to win 19-14 after trailing 14-12. Therefore, it would be unwise to dismiss lightly Rochdale's chances of producing another surprise against Bradford Northern in this after-noon's Headingley semi-final. Northern will be in no mood

to encourage lightning to strike twice within a week in West Yorkshire. Northern would themselves have taken the Monday morning headlines but for Hornets' triumph. Their for-midable pack went to Wigan and tamed the Wigan six in such ruthlessly clinical manner that "the Wigan walk", the mass desertion of fans from the described to the exits, was happening long before the end.
All this spells danger for the underdogs, Hornets, today, with the additional threat of the hould the ball be allowed to go

wide to the flanks. One big threat to Hornets' nopes is the absence of their niluential Nw Zealand centre, Mark Nixon, who last night appealed in vain against a one-match suspension for non-pay-

ment of a £40 fine. Bradford Northern must be favourites, but nobody will now iscount Hornets' chances of reaching an important final for

The fortunes of financially-troubled Leigh suffered a further blow last night when two of their most experienced players, John Woods Woods and Tony Cottrell walked out.

Woods says he has retired, and Cottrell is refusing to play under the control of the pres board of directors, led by Keith Bell, the chairman, and Jack Hart, the vice chairman.

Earlier in the day, the directors said they were negotiating with a development company on building a supermarket at the Hilton Park ground and pro-posals would be submitted to he local authority "in the near

If the sale of the ground goes through, Leigh will move to another site in the town and build a stadium. Supporters were asked to "be patient" and

Despite the dispute with players over non-payment of wages, a full side would turn out against match on Sunday, it was

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

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Second division Barnsley v West Ham . Bristol R v Newcastle .

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Hersham; Lewes v Bromley; Southwick v SNIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Banger v Bullymene; Coloraine v Ards; Crussders v Ballyclare; Distillery v Cliftonville; Glenevon v Linfield; Glentoran v

Otomogie v Chambart St Pear, veryonesse v Metropolitan Polica. Second division north: Basildon v Sitericay, Coller Row v Horndhurth; Bölgware v Herdord, Harnel Hamostead v Clapton; Kingebury v Purflest; Safaron Welden v Tring: Savanaga Bonsugn v Royalor: Vaustali Majore v Barton Rovers; Wars v Fanchary; Watharn v Barddanmant. Second division seattle. Ablingtion v Feathers; Combarloy v Faccional Heatt; Chertaey v Bosom and Evolt; Boltan v Maldon Valor Hampton v Bracknet; Harnelsed v Meldarhead; Horsham v Cove; Leetherhead v Hurgerford; Hewbury v Eastbourne Unit; Pulselp Marror v Barellee Afr; Southelf v Petershale Unit. HOCKET

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Waterlooville: Dover v Rushden;
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Cravicy; Gravesend v Worsester; Pools v
Burton; VB Rughy v Halescwen;
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Player; Nottinghem v West Bridgind;
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Bridgeron.

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Tamperle; Slazanyes v Bradont; South
Sheide v St George's; Southport v
Preston; Sunderland v Derlington;
Swaheel v Durhem City; Tynemouth v
Tynedels; Walselleid v Chesterfleid;
Welton v Acomb; West Derby v Leyland. LEVION EASTERN COUNTIES
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Wakefield v Orrell ...
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SPORT ON TV

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GRANDSTAND: 88C1 12.15-17.05: ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 11.30-13.30 and 20.00-22.30: National Hockey Kick-boxing: From Australia. Earl 23.15-01.30: Norway v France. ICE SKATPIC: Screensport 10.30-Roure sketing.
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Fishing

Action plan to be put to the Test

By CONRAD VOSS BARK

from the National River Au-

the water quality of the Test, in chemical or biological terms, was good, and was not the prime cause of the growth of blanket weed. This was because of the nature of the bed of the river, and the speed of the flow.

inches - was dependent prinmices — was dependent principally on the speed of the flow.

Mike Beard, the environmental protection manager, said: "We aim to study the dynamics of sediment movement and the nature and source

The low flows would preclude further licensing of water abstraction in the upper and middle river. Particular attention would be paid to the area below Overton, which was "sub-

FLY fishermen who have been and turbidity could not, he said, complaining about the state of the River Test, England's premier chalk stream, recently four-point plan for water attended a forum at Winchester management by the owners of the fisheries. First, cut wood in the autumn

thority (NRA). to encourage cleansing water NRA scientists told them that velocities and stimulate spring growth of weed to slow the velocity and clarify the water during the summer. Second, optimise water veloc-

traditional structures to encoursometimes in the spring and early sommer its so cloudy that visibility is no more than six inches — was dependent to the control of the river. Third, begin to restore and build back the croded banks so the river thereby the river. the river, thereby stimulating higher velocities and making the most of the available water

Four, protect banks from crosion by cattle and from the growth of clogging plants, such as cress, which encourage siltation and erosion.

of the sediment. It has built up in recent years. The amount of sediment going past Testwood was 12,000 tonnes in 1990, against less than half that in to be better hydraulic management. The NRA's southern region . each of the preceding five ment to maintain high water velocity during the winter months, thereby cleansing the sediment and encouraging the growth of rooted weed. We all know that velocity is related to flow and level. For the same flow and level a narrower chancet to stress".

The problems of blanket weed velocity."

MOTOR SPORT

Prost expected to sign an extended contract

MARANELLO, Italy (AP) -Alain Prost, the former world champion who had been thinking of quitting Formula One driver, Alessandro Nannini, racing, has extended his contract whose right forcarm was severed with the Italian team, Ferrari, until the end of the 1992 season, it was reported yesterday.
Ferrari officials did not immediately confirm the report,

but a communique from the team about Prost was expected in a few days. Ferrari held an option on the French driver, aged 35, throughout 1991. However, Prost, embittered

by the loss of this year's world title after a controversial crash with his Brazilian rival, Ayrton Senna, during the Japanese Grand Prix, had said recently he was uncertain whether to contique racing in Formula One. It is understood that Ferrari of confident following the recent ficials offered Prost a two-year extension, through 1992, and that the French driver accepted.

Prost, nicknamed "the profesaged 31, for 1991, recently signed Roberto Monno for the sor" for his racing skill, 15

whose right forearm was severed in a helicopter crash near his home, said yesterday that American doctors have boosted his hopes of a comeback in 1992

for examinations on his forearm, which was sewn back on by Italian doctors after the acspecialists told him that he has a 65 per cent chance of regaining full use of his injured arm.

signed Roberto Moreno for the

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Hewick v Selicirk (2.0)

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The Italian Formula One

Nannini travelled to the United States earlier this week

"I will have to wait until March to have clearer ideas about my future. But I am really confident following the recent examinations," Nannini said.

sor" for his racing skill, is expected to team up with the recently hired French driver, large sason. In the 1990 world championship, Prost won five grands prix, extending his back in 1992 if he proves fit.

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Orrell should provide us with

Crane, once of Bristol, will make his first appearance in Rosslyn Park's back row

against Wasps at Rochampton. However, the

Park will be without Graves,

their leading points scorer, so

Various other notables are

injured or on holiday and

Wasps, similarly affected, give

Lozowski an outing at stand-off half and play the younger

Bristol, whose decision to

Hopley, Phil, in the centre.

Risman is at full back.

a gauge as to how good we really are."

Season of goodwill brings charitable flavour to fixtures

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IF IT is any comfort to such clubs as Pontypool, who this over player movement, which friendly competitive ones. have caused so many furrowed brows to present-day rugby administrators, is noth-

A newspaper report in 1898 including Wilkes at prop.

Leicester will miss Wells and Richards, both recovering of a game between Blackheath and Richmond, then considand Richmono, then considerable powers in the land said from injury, from their back from injury, from their back row, so Marriott and Grant players to powerful sides is human nature, and will ever be so... We do not know of a club which does not do the Barbarians on December 27 same. The field is open. There a match for which all tickets is nothing required for enlist- have been sold. ment in the shape of an emolument in our game . . . Headingley, have reshuffled though very uncharitable remarks from time to time appear with regard to the appear with regard to the Loughborough student, at recruiting of these, the two open-side flanker, and Charles oldest clubs in the world."

connotations are applied both lock

to the season and the sport. week lost Keith Orrell, their leading tryscorer to Nemerical l leading tryscorer, to Newport

— the fourth such "exchange" must be described as

"friendly" fixtures, as distinct this season - the anxieties from the, presumably, un-

Coundon Road with a XV

Nottingham, who entertain their back row to permit the inclusion of Richardson, the normally a No. 8 - on the Perhaps during the festive blind side. Kilford, Gregory season it is appropriate to and Taylor return from warmsuggest that some things ing the divisional bench, while appear to stay the same, the Yorkshire club includes whatever new commercial Radacanu, the Romanian

Australians recall retired Poidevin

efforts this year have included his autobiography, is one of seven survivors from the 1984 Wallabies party which achieved the grand slam on tour in Britain and Ireland

In refining an original aquad of 45, the Australian selectors have tried to blend old with dozen members of the Emerging Australians party which toured Europe last month, among them the young Eastwood full back, Tim Kelaher, who made such an impression in first-class rugby during the absence of the experienced Marty Roebuck.

The squad will be reviewed

SIMON Poidevin, capped 51 Wales; the Wallabies play an simon Poidevin, capped 51 wales; the Wallabies play an times by Australia and with one retirement already in his tucker bag, was included yesterday in his country's reconstituted squad of 36 for the 1991 World Cup (David Hands writes).

Poidevin, the flanker whose tour of the southern-hemisphere to the country of the country of the southern-hemisphere to the country of the

in May. Australia's final squad will play in the two-match Bledisloe Cup series with New Zealand in August, when the All Blacks play Australia B in Brisbane on August 6 and Australia in Sydney on August 10. New Zealand play the Wallabies in Auckland on August 24, and offer a warm-up game against Counties on August 20.

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Keeping a tap on the drain of players By GERALD DAVIES

ONCE, not so long ago in the grand days, Pontypool happily received dissanshed boys from Newport. Now, it appears the brawn and brain drain works in the other direction. Following the moves of others, Keith Orrell is Newport's latest recruit. The players would appear to be unconcerned that they are taking a step down from the Wakefield anticipate keenly their match with Orrell, who are without five injured divisional representatives, while Hitchen, their hooker, must help on the farm. "We've already beaten first-division taking a step down from the premier division, confident that their new club will take the step Liverpool St Helens this season and come close against Saracens," Robin Foster, the Wakefield secretary, said.

their new club will take the step up next year.

Newport have no league match today when they play their rearranged cup match against Amman United.

There would appear to be no such rugby ambitions behind Stuart Numerley's return to Abertillers, the club he belonged

Stuart Numeriey's return to Abertillery, the club he belonged to before he joined Cardiff two years ago. Abertillery are at the bottom of the premier division. The player is clearly homesick. The lock, however, had shown many fine touches at the Arms many line touches at the Arms
Park and he might hope for
better recognition. He will certainly boost the club.
Abertillery play Linnelli this
afternoon where, no doubt, the
supporters would not like to be

supporters would not like to be reminded that their club provided Abertillery with their solitary victory in the Heineken League. The visitors have to go as far back as 1965 for their last victory at Stradey Park.

The mid-season movement of players surely must come to a halt. A stiffer regulation on registered players must begin to operate next season.

play Morrison at No. 8 contributed to Crane's joining the Park, will welcome the addition to their strength of

registered players must begin to operate next season.

Adrian Davies, the Cambridge University stand-off half, will play his third game of the season for Neath. The other occasions he played at centre. It is that time of year, of course, for the open season on the Welsh stand-off half debate. There are quite a few can-Waghorn (centre) and Gutteridge (prop) from Rich-mond, whose coach, Rob Cunningham, recently joined the club. The new pair are not involved in today's match at Plymouth Albion as Bristol try to recover from their heavy weish stand-oir hair debate. There are quite a few candidates, apparently. Davies is one of them. His talent notwithstanding, that he plays for Neath, they say, gives him an unfair advantage. There are Neath jokes these days. But whether Neath can see the funny side. I am not so sure defeat last week against team which travels to Exeter for what will be the flanker's first senior match since he was

whether Neath can see the funny side, I am not so sure.

At any rate, the Christmas period will provide Davies with the opportunity of establishing his credentials. He faces the former Welsh stand-off half, Malcolm Dacey, today, while the contest at scrum half between Chris Bridges and Robert Jones is also of national curiosity.

out to be depends on which pose Swansen happen to strike. They have the infinite capacity to thrill or disappoint. Arthur Emyr is back on the wing to stir along the action, especially as he spies the first international against England on the horizon. He has his point to make.

Austrian woman develops air of invincibility



Putting on the pressure: Kronberger piles on the World Cup points with an historic downhill win yesterday

A year of winning dangerously

MORZINE, France (Reuter) — With her World Cup downhill wictory here yesterday, Petra Kronberger soared to new heights of success. The Austrian, who two weeks ago made history by becoming the first woman skier to win a race in each of the four Alpine skiing disciplines, embellished the feat yesterday by winning them all in the same season.

Meiringen, Switzerland, last week, was second slower.

By taking third place in Imin 42.54sec, Warwara Zelenskaja recorded the best result by a Soviet skier in the women's World Cup. Katja Seizinger, aged 18, of Germany, the world super giant junior champion, was fourth in Imin 42.72sec.

Kronberger, aged 21, the

His combined time over the two legs of 2min 24.96sec relegated the Swiss, Urs Kaelin, fastest in the first leg, to second place, repeating the result of the giant slalom in Alta Badia five

yesterday by winning them all in the same season.

The win, a brilliant run of Imin 41.72sec in heavy snow, left her rivals despairing of being able to catch her. Chantal Bournissen, of Switzerland, the winner of the last World Cup race, a super giant slalom in the finish, she gained time at the end for her third downhill win. Tomba makes up for losing

KRANJSKA GORA, Yugoslavia (Reuter) — Brimming
with confidence, Alberto
Tomba, the Olympic champion,
outpowered his rivals yesterday
for his third Alpine skiing World
Cup win of the season. The 24year-old from Bologna forgot a
disappointing slalom mistake in
Madonna (di Campiglio on
Tuesday to win yesterday's giant
thilom.

Austria, on 45. Kronberger will have another

up lost time. He leads both the giant slalom and the overall World Cup standings. He said he had problems with

his gozgles on the first leg. "I broke my original gozgles while warming up, so I had to use

spare ones which did not fit

With an astounding record of four wins and two second places out of six races. Kropherger points. Bournissen lies second with 49, ahead of Signd Wolf, of

opportunity to strengthen her lead today with a sislom race in the same resort. "But I'm not going to take any chances," she said. Combined points for both races will be awarded after the slalom. "And I'd rather take 25 points from the combined than lose everything by taking too many risks in the slalom," Kronberger said.

Tomba said he felt opnimistic about his chances of winning the

overall World Cup. "I think I have a chance, especially since

my key rivals, like Furuseth

today, are struggling to find consistency, but we'll see when March comes."

Kaelin said: "Beating Tomba in such fantastic form was just

mpossible, not just for me, but I

think for everybody today."

three-year drought by winning in Meiringen, said: "I was aiming for a place in the top ten. So this second place was a Christmas present."

Bournissen, who ended a

Bournissen, aged 23, said she owed a lot to her new skis. and to the retirement of her talented Swiss compatriots. Maria Walliser and Michela Pigini, "In a way, they stopped us from progressing for years. Now, I feel much more confident," ahe said. Bournissen was the fastest at

the top of the 2,680-metre Jean Vuarnet piste. "But I made a mistake on a bend halfway through, which probably cost me victory," she said.

Zelenskaja, aged 18, from the Zelenskaja, aged 18, from the eastern Soviet region of Kamchatka, could not believe her performance. She had never previously fared better than lenth in a World Cup downhill. "I'm not the best Soviet downhiller. Svetlana Gladishiva is much better than I am." she is much better than I am," she said. Gladishiva, the downhill junior world champion, finished

RESILTS: 1, P Kronberger (Austria), 1min 41.72sec; 2, C Bournssen (Switz), 1:41.78.3, W Zeleneguis (USSR), 1:42.54; 4, K Satzinger (Ger), 1:42.72, 5, C Maris (Pr), 1:42.73; 6, K Gussnschn (Ger), 1:42.73; 7, M Vogt (Ger), 1:43.04, 8, 8 Germer (Austria), 1:43.37; 8, N Bouvier (Fr), 1:43.41; 10, K Dedler (Ger), 1:43.44; 11, V Weilinger (Austria), 1:43.38; 11, 2, 8 Schuster (Austria), 1:43.74; 13, M Gerg (Ger), 1:43.60, 14, C Neser (Ger), 1:43.60; 13, 5 Geastriva (USSR), 1:43.60; 13, 140.60; 2, Bournsen, 48; 3, 8 World (Austria), 45; equal 4, Gusensohn, and Meris, 44; 6, D Partie (US), 28, Doershält/sistem (after two races); 1, Kronberger, 46pts; 2, Gurtensohn, 36; 3, Mere, 21; 4, Bournssen, 20; 8, Grither, 19; 6, Dedler, 18.

Young hooked by the challenge

By DAVID HANDS

comfortable - solidity about Jeff Young. He was a hard player, part of the Welsh front row which introduced the golden years of the dragon a generation ago, to which has been grafted the disciplines of service life. Both the durability and the discipline will be necessary in his new position as the Welsh Rugby Union's (WRU) technical admini-

Young, aged 48, hooked 23 times for Wales between 1968 and 1973, and was a British Lion in South Africa in 1968. He was a teacher before joining the RAF, where he is now a Wing Commander with responsibility for the provision of educational and training services to stations at home and abroad; it was his commitment to the service which forced the compromise under which he takes up his new post.
"The RAF authorities were

various good reasons which I accept they were not able to comply," Young said. He will work on a consultancy basis in his own time for the next year until he is able to take up the position full-time

on March 1, 1992. "I want a progressive structure which gives a little lad of seven who wants to play for Wales the opportunity to do so. A coherent and flexible management structure that will provide sound policy, good advice, good training that will ensure playing standards are lifted and susmined through effective coaching, administration and referee-

Easier said than done in the present climate but Young whose working career has been based in England, is nothing if not enthusiastic: "Being Welsh, the opportunity to work in my first love, in my native land, in a job I

very sympathetic to my initial would relish was the main a close look at what created

Leicester.

Pilkington Cup final.

Northampton have Pearce

back in the front row after

injury for their game with London Irish and Shelford,

who will be qualified to play

his first league match by January 12, when

Northamptonplay Leicester,

is in the back row. However,

Olver and Rodher are recover-

ing from injuries and the Irish

are weakened by the absence

of their Ireland B repre-

sentatives and the injured

three-quarters, Staples and

"I will set myself, in the first phase, a five-year target that provides a high degree of excellence and can be sustained. The next phase will be to develop and build on that to ensure Wales can remain in the forefront of world rugby and world sport generally. That's a big challenge." It is a time-scale which also coincides with the date of the third World Cup, in 1995.

"When I played we were well shead of the game in the UK in terms of talent, ir-respective of how it was produced and how it was coordinated. The other home countries might not have had ither the players or the individual brilliance, or the degree of team co-ordination that clearly exists now.

"Whether Wales have fallen was a gap. I would like to have management."

must rely on the enormous reserve of experience in Wales, I must talk to coaches. especially Ron Waldron, the national coach, to referees, administrators, development

"It would belp immensely if the national side was doing well. It's part of the national beritage and the national expectation is extremely high, which puts pressure on those representing their country. If the Welsh side is successful it brings along with it the rest of the rugby organisation. They catalysts for whatever else happens in Welsh rugby.

"But we are dealing with a sport that is, essentially, a leisure pursuit. Players, coaches, administrators alike give up their own time and if they behind or the other countries are so enthusiastic, it rests have caught up is a topic for with the organisation to prodiscussion. Last season, there vide them with a proper

Spanish provide a Players' chance to enter reckoning By George Ace

sounding board From Alan Lorimer in seville

SCOTLAND play their first but only from the right kind of ever A international match toever A international match to-day when they face Spain at the San Pablo stadium in Seville. Derrick Grant, their coach, yesterday rejected the suggestion of an easy match, recalling that Spain gave Scotland prob-lems at Murrayfield in 1987.

"They were an adventurous side and also had strength up front," Grant said. Several of the Spanish side which lost 25-7 at Murrayfield will face Scotland today. Spain, which actually has more senior rushy tually has more senior rugby players than Scotland, should benefit from having played to-gether recently, in the World Cup qualifying competition two months ago in Italy and against the Emerging Australians.

Although they have won only one of their last four matches, against the Netherlands, Spain represent good opposition for players like Greig Oliver and his half back partner. Doug Wylle, who have spent too much time on the bench at international level. Damian Cronin, Derek Turnbull and, especially, Derek White, also have played only a limited amount of rugby of late.

Graham Marshall will come under renewed scrutiny as a possible open-side flanker, and attention also will be on Graham Smith, the tight-head prop. whose selection owes nearly everything to reputation. Smith will prop against Julio Alvarez, who has won 49 caps.

Grant conceded that Scotland would try to "develop a strong game up front to try to secure quality ball". He said: "We hope

One motivation for moving the ball wide would be to try out
Mark Moncrieff on the right
wing. The young Gaia player,
whom Grant described as quick
and alert, came into the side
when Lindsay Renwick pulled out with flu.

Likewise, Scotland will want to involve Iwan Tukalo on the other wing. Tukalo, who had a disastrous first Test against New Zealand this summer, crowned a confident district champ-ionship for South with a splendid try against Glasgow last

Without Scott Hastings, Scot-land may not have the penetra-tion behind the scrum necessary tion behind the scrum necessary to involve the wings and to that end much will depend on the performance of the Gloucester centre. Donald Caskie. A progress check will also be made on John Allan, Scotland's replacement hooker, who has received something of a challenge from Harry Roberts. enge from Harry Roberts.

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until last night, has been moved from stand-off half to centre with Sean McGauchie taking over as Scott Jardine's half-back partner. Jardine replaces the injured Mark Allingham.

The withdrawal of Simon Geoghegan, the ireland right wing because of a groin strain, robbed the game of one of the most exciting players on the Irish scene. The London Irish threequarter has a blistering turn of pace and a refreshing

cagerness to become involved.
That he will make his first
international appearance
against France at Lansdowne
Road on February 2 is a near rtainty. But his absence is countered,

to a large degree, by the inclu-sion of Cotin Wilkinson, the Ulster full back, who takes over from the injured Jim Staples. Wilkinson is an instinctive player and is the main challenger to Kenny Murphy, the Ireland full back, whose game looked flawed for the first time at representative level in Mun-

The Scots retain only four of the team that lost 31-9 to France in loinnax last January. And the Ireland side bears scant resemblance to the one that masqueraded as a B team against Argentina in Limerick in October. Ireland won decisively but included six full internationals and have only three survivors

SCOTLAND have made a late tactical switch in the team to meet Ireland in the B international at Ravenhill, Belfast, on the ground and we spread our net wide in the selection of this team," he said. "But we must potential particularly in view of

ionship matches are followed h six games in Canada and the United States during the summer and then it is the World Cup. That is all in the space of

The players on both sides are aware that the game presents an opportunity to go into the World Cup notebook and to none more so than Rob Saunders, the London Irish scrum half Saunders, aged 22, is highly rated by the Irish assistant coach, Johnny Moloney, who toured South Africa with the Lions in 1974 as understudy to Gareth Edwards.

Assessed (NFC), is recommon polarymenta, SCOTLAND B: D Barrest (West of Scotland; M Gecian (London Scottari), C Radgeth (Metroes), S Nation (Seturi), S Porter (Natione); S Niclauchie (Pontypool), S Jardine (Glamorgan Wanderers); P Jones (Gloucestari, H Roberts (London Bernari), B Nobertamin (Sating County), A RacConsid (Horior's FP), S Raid (Boroughrauir), J Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals, captain), R Walmwright (Edinburgh Academicals), 1 Smith (Gruposter).



Elias steals personality show Desert Orchid's key rivals

A last Sunday's BBC Sports Personality of the Year ceremony, three sports personality awards were presented. The first was to a Briton (Paul a foreigner (the Australian, Mal Meninga), and the third was to a team (Scotland, rugby union). To this trio I would add an award of my own: Sports Personality of the BBC Sports Personality of degenerated into discon-the Year ceremony, to be nected expressions of gaffergiven to the person who made the most impact within that televisual 11/4 hours. The winner of this award could only be the Australian rugby league player, Ben Elias.

Having been elected the suavest member of the team. the closest thing it had to Michael Aspel, Elias was entrusted with the job of presenting the overseas award to his captain; he was to be, as Steve Rider put it, "the master of ceremonies".

Gripping and swinging the point, he took to the centre of the Australian dressing-room and made a speech. "This is a special award, which has been presented to our one and only gaffer, Mal Meninga. It's the Overseas Personality for the Year nointeen nointy [stage direc-tion: scratch upper thigh] and, Mal, it's judged boi the BBC imparts to these occasions. I

LAURA THOMPSON

Gascoigne), the second was to and all the [stage direction: look at floor, poke viciously at eyebrows, shuffle feet, keep scratching] all the guys just, you know, just get

> At this point, the oration orientated goodwill, phrases like "It's yours, mate!" and "BBC, mate!" and "Cheers, mate!" and "Hi', hi', horoi!"; while Meninga, as the Bible would have it, stood sore amuzed.

Quite apart from the fact that I had predicted Meninga's victory, this was the high spot of the evening for me. Here was personality, if you like; Benny might have thought that he was on his best behaviour but the real man still shone through. It was the one sparky

moment in a programme that had clearly intended to be full of sparky moments but which instead had a slightly showbiz helped by the portentously glamorous blue lighting) quite unlike the relaxed, jocular Question of Sport-type feeling that the BBC usually the BBC had acquired a touch of the ITVs.

team awards). This year there

was a divergence between the

highest achiever and the high-

est profile; and since the award is called Sports Person-

ality and is voted for by the

public who fell in love with

Gascoigne, who else could

hat I should like to know is how on

national institution. Frank has become the BBC's answer

to Jimmy Greaves, that is, "natural" and thus "funny"

and "iovable"; but Greaves is

occasionally genuinely spon-taneous whereas Frank al-

ways looks as if he has just

been wound up with a large

key. Most people who be-come "personairies" do so

because they have at least some ability with words: Frank has made it via the

But, anyway, I did not want a sweet to suck in the form of

Frank: I wanted to see a lot of

sport, to be reminded of

certain events and to see who

was sitting next to whom in

the audience (the unlikely

juxtaposition of Henry Coo-

per and Ann Jones, for

earth the idea got

possibly have won?

The idea of "personality" seemed to have taken a hold. Desmond's "I'll get the beers in" act was verging on pastiche; Frank Bruno was wheeled out as if he were a Personality of the Year and as such he had, perforce, to eneak to us.

The beginnings of a row rumbled like thunder in the Thompson living-room when his award was announced. My father, who had tutted his way through the proceedings, reserving special contempt for Gascoigne's robustly incompetent miming to his own hit song, began to mutter: "Backley ... Faldo ... done more than . . . not even in the frame! ... what's Gazza won? That bloke he fouled in Germany did him.

the best favour ever . . " My mother went aloof. My grandmother averred that he's going to start bawling again". I sprang, like Des Walker, to Paul's defence. "He's done more to make football popular than anyone - he made me like football." My father wisely kept his comments to himself on this The obvious point is that

nd when I say I wanted in previous years the award to see a lot of sport, has gone to the most successwould, for example, rather ful sports person (still true

race won by Akabusi, Black, Regis and Sanders than have watched them trailing a flag around the track afterwards while being powerfully sere-naded by George Michael. In sport, the memories are brought back by the event itself, not by witnessing the emotional aftermath.

have seen David Platt's goal against Belgium than have heard Paul Gascoigne talking about how much it had meant to him, but then, of course, Paul was Sports started that sportspeople have also to be personalities. If Frank wants to be a comedian, if Paul wants to

make his millions, then good luck to them both; but it should not be expected that others will want to sign the tacit contract that these two have entered into with the media and the public, Ellery Hanley, for example,

dislikes talking to the press -so what? I prefer to watch him playing rugby league than to hear him talking about playing it; just as I prefer to watch Gascoigne playing football, since it is then that the imprint of the "personality" that has been pulled at and poked at so inappropriately, so excres-cently, is truly elicited.

Rogue wave comes as a sharp reminder of the dangers posed at sea

Sailing by the seat of the pants across the Southern Ocean

chart table. Yeah, let's go on board." The fishing trawler New Spirit of Ipswich, reports was alongside my yacht, and on the second leg of the BOC the two characters were single-handed round the world peering down the companion- yacht race. The fleet has begun

Hearing their voices, I scrambled on deck to fend them off, my heart racing in panic. I awoke to find myself standing on the aft deck with Spirit rolling hard as she flew before the wind. The dream was too real and the sleepwalk a frightening new experience - I now chip on a safety harness when sleeping, to restrict any more wanderings. bottle,

Two weeks into the second passing north of the Kerguelen never looked closely at one Islands which straddle the before, I am now, having optimum course - one of rebuilt mine three times dur-God's little jokes. My tactics so far have been to sail in a alternator consultant to the different piece of the ocean to the opposition, hoping that automotive electonics beckbetter weather conditions will over-ride their better than yacht racing.

The anxiety of losing power

So far, so good: I lie second in class with Jack Boye (Project City Kids) and Don McIntyre (Sponsor Wanted) 150 miles astern. In an ocean race, 150 miles is no great distance and I am clinging desperately to every yard. Pushing the boat hard is not the whole answer - damaged sails or rigging would cost dearly. A good consistant performance is what is needed, and some luck.

At the risk of ruining the rough, tough image we solo sailors have, I must relay a very earnest radio chat that occurred between the yachts this week. It concerned the use and strategic placement of hot water bottles during the cold Antarctic nights.

Bob "Captain" Hooke it. keeps his in his sleeping bag, while I recommend the wandering bottle that is transferred to the inside of my knocked flat by a huge beam. Sydney or bust!

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FOOTBALL

JOSH HALL, the skipper of to arrive in Sydney four weeks after leaving Cape Town

thermals for deck work. The main hazard is if the bottle slips down one leg when I am rushing to the foredeck. An unset Robin Davie pipes up on the radio: he wants to hear no more. The heater on his yacht, Global Exposure, has broken down and he forgot his

The bain of my life has been ing this voyage. Now I am fleet. Perhaps a career in ons. Surely more lucrative

has been great, though. A return to the windvane steering and sextant navigation would render my competitive-

With fresh following winds, progress has been rapid but stability rests on a knife-edge. A number of times, Spirit has been thrown into a gybe, pinning her down at 70 (degrees) to the water until a sheet can be eased away. Each time, gear is broken or damaged, resulting in a constant running repair list. Oh for a crew to

help out. While in the mending mood, I manage to fix the onboard stereo and after a tenday sabbatical, Pavarotti returns to the Southern Ocean. I'm sure the albatrosses crisscrossing our wake appreciate

On the morning of Decem-

had throttled back, taking a third reef in the mainsail and setting the storm staysail as we flew at 10 knots plus in 45-50 knot winds. The dominant swell being from the south west, an ugly sea had built up that submerged the yacht at

The rogue wave bowled Spirit right over on her beam ends, wiped out the sprayhood, exploded the boom vang from the mast, carried a check stay away, broke two aerials, bent two stanchions and deployed the emergency distress beacon which immediately began its

Once upright, I clambered deckside to sort out the carnage, just in time for another huge wave to roll us over again. I lost balance and wrenched my knee.

With the boat settled down. I got on the radio to allay concerns about the Mayday transmitter left broadcasting in our wake, My dislocated knee becomes relocated, but is ballooning. I freely admit to wishing I was safe at home. I shall not be jumping around on deck for a few days and just hope not to lose too many miles as a result.

Still, I feel lucky to have sailed away from the knockdown at all. The incident serves as a harsh reminder of the fragile environment a yacht provides in this desolate place.



Tactics earn Martin an emphatic win south and picked up the furling drum and destroyed tophe Augin, of France, in

From Boa Ross

JOHN Martin, of South Africa, credited his win in the there," he said. 7,000-nautical mile second leg of the BOC single-handed

Early in the leg, from Cape in the strong winds. Town to Sydney, his French

westerlies first to gain the lead. "We controlled the race from

While his yacht enjoyed the of the BOC single-handed hard-reaching conditions and round the world race to the be averaged 14 knots for 18aggressive way he sailed his yacht, Allied Bank. hour periods, he had not pushed for high daily averages.

Martin did, however, suffer weather adviser and local a lot of damage, including the knowledge of the area took loss of his bow pulpit, which Aghulas, where he turned headsail broke loose from its over his nearest rival, Chris-much lighter.

eight auto-pilots were made useless by a fault in the yacht's

electrical system. Allied Bank slipped into Sydney Harbour at 5.47am local time yesterday, on the last of a southerly front that gave Martin a great run up the New South Wales coast yesterday. He looked fit but tired. At the latest position re-

itself in five minutes. Six of his Group Sceta. Augin and Alain Gautier, the third-placed Frenchman in Generali Concordi, are likely to be slowed by headwinds and two knots of adverse current.

Martin, aged 36, will take a long overall race lead of between 14 and 20 hours. He broke the record for the leg, set by Titouan Lamazou in the 1986-7 race, by two days - in him east initially, to Cape was pulled off when a genoa ports, he had a 160-mile lead wind conditions that were

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONE CUP: Finel pool: Limoges 88, Bayer Laverlamen 100; Scarolini Pegero (8) 98, Maccabi Tel Avir 88; Salger Zaragoza 68, Casene (f) 73; Sarosiona 52, Aris Salonito 64.

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waiting on the weather

Brooks will have to decide by

her Cheltenham Gold Cup run-

course after racing on Thursday.

THE strength of the opposition to Deseri Orchid as David Elsworth's flying grey attempts to win the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day for a record fourth time is still dependent on the weather

and the going.

Charlie Brooks warned yesterday that Celtic Shot, unbeaten in three races this season, will not be risked if the going is any firmer than good. Espy is therefore the only definite runner from Uplands. The course manager tells me

that they have had one-tenth of an inch of rain. Sixty per cent of the track is now said to be good with the remainder good to firm. I'll walk the course either today or on Sunday morning before reaching a decision."

Brooks, however, did not consider Espy to be a forlorn hope despite his current odds of 40-1 with Ladbrokes. "He's already beaten Comandante this season and has got a good outside chance. He could well beat Celtic Shot if the going is form."

Kartajana is retired

THE Aga Khan's string has begun its exodus from his former British trainers so that France next sesson.

But Kartajana, whom Michaci Stoute trained to win the Nassau and Sun Chariot Stakes last season, has been retired to

Fourteen two-year-olds from the Michael Stoute stable have

Chantilly stable by boat and horsebox and should arrive well before the December 31

who were in the care of Luca Cumani will be joining John Oxx in Ireland. In addition, 45 yearlings who would normally have been earmarked for the

appointed if he doesn't go well." declaration time tomerrow.

And Jenny Pitman will be making the same decision about Ladbrokes have shortened Desert Orchid to 13-8 (from 7-4) for the Kempton feature and then so 9-2 Celtic Shot and Sabin Du Loir. Toby Tobias is a 5-1 chance with both Arctic Call ner-up, Toby Tobias, who was galloped on Towester raceand the French challenger, The Fellow, on offer at 8-1.

John Upson, however, is optimistic that Nick The Brief. Mullins fined who made such a promising reappearance whea third to Celtic Shot in Haydock Park's Tommy Whittle Chase, will be £250 for error

in the Boxing Day line-up.
"More rain is forecast," said the
trainer yesterday. "And if the
ground is reasonable Nick The
Brief will run. He's in good SEAMUS Mullins was fined £250 by the Ludlow stewards yesterday for taking the wrong course on Senator Of Rome in the Tanners Wines Novices shape and we're hopeful of a

good showing."
From Whitsbury Chris Hill, The 7-4 chance, trained by Toby Balding, jumped ahead at David Elsworth's secretary, re-ported Desert Orchid to be in the fourth last and looked the likely winner until Mullins took good fettle. "He worked well on Wednesday morning and we're very pleased with him. Dessie is him so wide on the home turn that he ended up on the hurdles raring to go.

"We're also looking forward to running Oh So Risky in the Finale Junior Hurdle at course and had to pull up.

Mullins admitted his error and said: "I did walk the course before racing but in the heat of the moment I got it wrong."

> Racing next week MONDAY: No racing.

TUESDAY: No racing.
WEDNESDAY: Kempton Park, Wennarby, Wincamton, Humtingdon, Market Rasen, Sedgefield, Wolver-Itamoton, Nawton Abbot. THURSDAY: Kempton Park, Weth-erby, Wolverhampton, Lingfield Perk (AW), Taunton.

FRIDAY: Newbury, Cartele, Strat-tord, Fortwell Park. SATURDAY: Newbury, Newcastle, Warwick, Folkestone, Southwell (AW).

Huffer hopes to carry on

pointed at Geoff Huffer's New-market stables, but the trainer from there until he finds other

Eight staff have been laid off, but two will remain with Huffer in the yard.

Huffer's base at La Grange

Stables is owned by the Kuwaiti-backed Gulf Racing and Blood-stock, but since the Iraqi invasion, communication with the directors has proved increas-

Huffer said: "If the Gulf crisis had come to an end a month ago everything would have been all right. But the main owner is stuck in Kuwait and there has been no contact with him. He

he knew about it. "I am going to continue to train until I find other premises in Newmarket. A lot of my

horses are out of the yard, but I expect to have 15-20 next year many of the staff I have laid off. "I'd like to thank everybody who has been so considerate over this period, and the loyal

Huffer has trained over 200 winners in 12 years, the best of which was Persian Heights, successful in the 1988 St James's Paiace Stakes at Royal Ascot. Persian Heights also finished

Dennis Cross, the corporate recovery partner of accountants Peat Marwick McLintock, explained: "Debts have been incurred because of the absence of owes money for VAT, PAYE. to transport companies and other people regularly involved in

such an operation.
"A receiver has been appointed on the stables, but not on Gulf Racing, so the training operation can in theory carry collect the rent from the trainer or take steps to sell the yard.

"A creditors meeting will take York, but was later disqualified.
A creditors' meeting is scheduled for early February, when a

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House. 3.15 Miami Bear. Michael Seely's selection: 2.45 River House.

12.15 GLASSEDIN CHRISTMAS MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,320; 2m) (15 runners)

9-4 Going On, 3-1 Willia Sparide, 9-2 Bellyford, 6-1 No More The Fool, 8-1 Revents, 10-1 invertiel, 12-1 others.

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4 3304 CLARES OWN 11 (7) J Wade 8-10-0 6-4 Trigooint Chertie, 11-4 Hard To Hold, 7-2 Aden Apollo, 7-1 Clares Own. 1.15 GLASSEDIN CHRISTMAS CAROL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (21,848: 3m) (9)

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9-4 Marshal Bisks, 100-30 Golden Image, 9-2 Enchanted Coart, 6-1 Home To Roost, 9-1 Ha Penny Nap, 10-1 others. Course specialists

TRANSPER: C Thornton, 4 from 11, 36.4%; Jimmy Fizgarzid, 14 from 47, 28.6%; Denys Smith, 9 from 42, 21.4%; Mrs G Revoley, 13 from 61, 21.5%; P Blockley, 4 from 22, 18.2%. (Only case)

1.45 CAMERON HALL REJOICE AND BE MERRY

NOVICES CHASE (22,604: 2m) (9)

8 8864 PALM READER 12 (D,F) W A Stepheneon 6-11-0

2.15 CAMERON HALL FESTIVE MAIDEN HURDLE

(£1,744: 2m 4f) (14) 4 AFF HUTTHER 8 M Dode 5-11-8 M Days
5 0-04 IGNG OF STEEL 23 D Topley 4-11-8 F Martegh (7)
6 25- KWACHA 204F 7 Craig 4-11-8 C Herricker
7 - PRS MADDIEC 45 C Parier 8-11-8 Parker (7)
8 -448 PALAMOUR 7 W Reed 8-11-8 T Reed
9 -402 STRONG BREEZE 7 R Fisher 5-11-8 R Markey
16 9-12 WESISLEYDALEWILJAMI 23 (0) C Therrich 4-11-8

14 9 WESTERN SECRET ST J S Wilson 3-10-7... 5-2 Wensleydslewilliam, 100-30 Mig. 5-1 Strong Breeze, \$-1 Que Beile, 10-1 Palanquin, 12-1 others.

2.45 FRED WILSON HANDICAP CHASE (AITIEteurs: 92,108: 3m) (6) 1 1-22 RIVER HOUSE 12 (SF,F,G) W A Stephenson 6-11-10 K.Johnson
2 1152 IMPANY 32 (F.O.S.) J.J.O. Mail 11-11-3 Miles & Richol (7)
8 6903 Impant Sall E 12 (F.O. Mrs & Bradburne 11-10-1)
J.Smadburne (8)
4 Section CORRECT FAIR 7 (CD.G.S.) P. Docking 10-10-6

5 3405 MINIT ACADEMY 24 (F) R Fining \$-10-4 Mrs A Farrell (8)

4 -432 SOLUTEN FARGY 7 (C.F.O.S) C Alexander 13-10-1

D Micrograph (7) 2-1 River House, 8-1 Comedy Fair, 4-1 impany, 6-1 Work Mate, 8-1 Golden Fancy, 14-1 Brutt Academy,

3.15 GLASSEDIN YULETIDE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2.092: 2m 4f) (12)

3 -4P5 THARRIS 12 (CD,G) W Bentby 5-10-11 D Crossman (?)
4 2-FF JAME'S JOY 7 (D,F) W Bentby 5-10-9 D Withinson
5 1863 ELEVEN LIGHTS 12 (D,F) Mrz G Revelny 6-10-9

5 1953 ELEVEN LIGHT'S TE (LAC) MA G (1970)
6 -283 CHESWOLD 21 (F.S.) J Johnson 6-10-6.... B McGH (5)
7 3107 EASY (OVER 7 (C.D.F.G) G Moore 4-10-6.... M Dayler
8 305 CARSWELL'S CHOICE 12 (F) R Fisher 7-10-6 R Mariny
9 8311 MAMB BEAR 12 (CD,G) J Berry 4-10-0....... R Fulley
10 SPP. THREEPLAND 203 (C,D,F,G,S) R Fisher 7-10-0
R Hodge (7)

21 SP02 AL SHAMBOH 18 (B,C,C) R Woodhouse 7-10-0 12 125- SPECIAL SETTLEMENT 229 (D,F,S) R Alan 9-10-0

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Ludlow Parleys: ground to firm.

Sulage good to firm:

12.26 (2m hole) 1. 80 PROUD (M Perret.)
1-3 Inv; Private handisopper's top ratingle
2. Tesman Oak (R Hyert, 10-1): 3, Maley Lee
(D Togg, 33-1). ALSO RAM: 7 Blakes Secret
(4th), 14 Herinar (f), 25 October Winde,
Cettic Waters, 33 Prince Vincenne (8th), 66
Laterheather, Coombeabury Lane (6th), 10
ran. NT: Shutle Hit, Cestasbee 5, 55, 11,
161, 121. S Mellor at Swindon, Total: \$1.90;
21.10, E1.60, 23.80, DP: 24.30, CSP: £5.18. 1.8 (2m ch) 1, TREBUTE TO YOUTH (A Damwoody, 5-4); 2, Mariest Laeder (W MoFartand, 4-7 fey), 2 ren. St. D Nicholega at Stow-on-the-Wold. Tate: £1.80.

4.30 (2m hole) 1, CELTIC 80B (V Stattury, 8-1); 2, St Louis Bloss (Mr A Farrant, 5-2); 3. Debris Sell (D J Moffan, 9-2), ALSO (RAN: 2 fev Finst Crack, 7 Bickerman (Sth), 33 Cream And Green (4th), 50 Bishopstone (Sth), 7 ran. N. 2, 3 %, 1, 121. O C'Nell at Chellenham, Toks. 55.80; 21.30, 27.50, DF; 58.70. CSF; 218.88. SU.70. CSF; 219.88.

2.0 (Sm crb) 1, MAYORaki (rt Devies, 13-8 fav); 2, True Glown (R Durwoccy, 10-1); 3, Patchouffs Pet (kf Jones, 33-1). ALBO FAAk: 7-4 Sentator Of Rome (rg), 5 Casimo Magdo (4th, 20 Atter Four (5th), 50 Hamed's Paul (5th), Roodbridge (ru), 8 ran, 9, 2, 1 14, 29, 25). D Barons et (Chesbridge, Total 22-50; 21-30, 22-20, 23-20. CP: 210.00. CSF: 216.08.

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2.30 Can India) 1, SANARWI (E O'Donovan, 14-1): 2. Tribute To Oad (P Nariey, 8-1): 3, flamuate Der Utwess (ar Foster, 10-11 fart), ALSO RANC 6 Partick James, Seven Some (4th), 14 Shithel, Prancet's Gueer (5ch), 16 Paulint, 20 Sunday Jim, Dawn Decision, 25 Cryming Swing (6th), 11 ran, NR; Krude, 7, 11d, 41, 51, 201. N. Twiston-Devises at Chelsentame, Total 221, 30; 232, 21.80, 21.50, DF: £38.10, GSF: £38.67. Busgitt in 4.200 gm.

3.0 (2m et cle 1, THURGEY (et During, 11-10 tev); 2. Gaselio Canery (M Jones, 40-1); 3, Sisjandio Brusso (E O'Donoren, 9-1). Al 3.0 FAN: 7-4 Kameo Shyle (rd), 11 Sanoker Table (ut), 33 Covu Calle (f), 50 Palmos Gardens (f), 7 ran. di, 81.7 Forette at Wastings, Tota: 21.90; 21.90, 28.10, nF: E35.00 CSF: 220.25.

3.30 (2m fm) 1, AVONGUNG (S Hobeco.

20-1; 2. Remaing Rise (M Foster, 3-1 js-fav); 3. Next Tree (R Bellamy, 50-1). ALSO FAN: 3 js-fav First Lesson, 6 Lemmawood San, West Moniston, 8 Dencing Cats (4th), 12 Knighton Coombe (5th), 16 Print And Proper, 25 Charry Mutual, Draines Sensured, 33 Bold Artist (6th), Gee Bee Jey, Lorenza Lad, 50 Eighny Eight, Jennman, Privy's Boy, Peniarth, 16 ran. 8, 2hi, 1/1, sh bat, 14. M Robinson at Wantage. Tota: 244.55; 254.0, 22.00, 23.70. DF: 218.30. CS: 278.89. Pincepot: CMLDS.

Going: good to soft

12.45 (2m 4f cht 1, Candinbright (N Doughty, 5-1); 2, Marcellina (6-1); 3, Typhoon Lucy (5-1), Rositary 5-5 fay, 7 ran. 24.1, 6. G Richards, Totar 23.80; E1.10, 94.00, DF: £12.90, CSP £31.92. 1.16 (2m hds) 1, Montpolier Lad (N Doughty, 1-2 fav); 2, Al Frolic (25-1); 3, Spoof (5-1), 10 ran. 41, 51, G Richards, Tota: 21.50; 21.10; 84.50, 22.00. DF: 28.70, CSF: 218.21.

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1.45 (3m ch) 1, Manhattan Chapp (N Doughy, 11-10 fart); 2, He Who Dares Wins (8-1); 3, Martefeld (12-1), 7 ran. 12, 3, G Richards, Tote: 22.10; 21.50, 21.90, DF: 23.80, CSP: 210.82. 23.60, CSP, 210.2. 2.15 (2m hdis) 1, Beldine (D Noise, 11-4); 2, Caugar (14-1); 3, Lascrott (7-2), Pescie 15-8 fav. 14 ran. NR. Fer More. 5t, St. P Morestin, Tote: 25.56; 21.20, £4.46, £1.40. DP: 2257.70, CSF; £39.70. 2.45 (2m 44 ch) 1, Sheon Wind (P Niven, 6-5 lav); 2, Ainsty Fox (7-2); 3, Back Betons Dark (11-2), 6 ran. 2, 20), M Hammond, Tota: \$2.00; £1.70, £1.40, DF \$2.00; CSF. £5.63.

55.63.
3.15 (2m 41 hdfe) 1, Nesseteld (Fl Subple, 6-1); 2, Kushbaloo (100-30); 3, Alsichrun (20-1), Impele 2-1 fav. 13 ran. 12l, 15l, K Morgan. Tote: 27.70; 22.10, 22.10, 24.60, OF; E13.30, CSF; 284.90. Tricast 2493.40.

Uttoxeter leing: eoft (good to soft patches) 12.0 (2m 4f httle) 1, Star Peryer (S Bur-pugh, 10-1); 2, Far Over Struy (5-4 lay); 3,

Pop Abroad (5-1): 16 ren. 11/1, 41. J Baker. Tote: £13.90; £2.70, £1.40, £1.40. DF: £5.90. CSF. £22.20. 12.30 (307.21 ch) 1, Comme (5 Burrough, 10-1); 2. Ardent Spy (16-1); 3, Borean Owan (5-2 to). 15 ran. 8, 31. G Ham. Tote: £19.90; £2.50, £4.20, £2.20. DF: £79.20. CSF: £143.66, Tricast: £748.71. 1.0 (2m hdis) 1. Channics (J. Lower, 100.30 fav): 2, Reef Native (12-1); 3, Monsieur Morus (11-2). 18 ran. 3%1, 2%1, M pipa. Tots: £4.49; £1.70, £2.40, £3.00. DP; £24.90, CSF; £41.70.

1.30 (3m 4f chi 1, Repeat The Dose (E. Murphy, 8-1); 2, Formula One (15-8 lay); 3, Särrup Cup (9-2), 14 nan. 6, 2%; 7, Etherington, Tota: £8.40; £2.00, £1.60, £2.60, DF; £12.00, CSF; £21.83. 2.0 (2m hdie) 1, Elder Prince (L. Wyer, 7-4 tay); 2, Driving Force (15-2); 3, New Arrangement (8-1); 9 ran. 2%; 51 M H Easterby, Tote: £3,10; £1,70, £2,00, £2,40, DF; £7,20, CSF; £15,28, Tricost; £79,69. 2.30 (2m ch) 1. South Pool (N Hawke, 5-1); 2, Femous Led (13-2); 3, Royal Cracker (11-2, Aman King 11-8 lav, 7 ran, 2'4), 4. D Barrers, Tote: (5,40, 22.90, 23.60, DP: 244.30, CSF: £55.29.

3.0 (2m fatt) 1. Derring Valley (N Thomas, 50-1); 2. Grange Brake (2-1 fav); 3. Dailyns Boy (4-1). 15 ran. Nft: Chelworth Courtess. 1½; ½1. A Jones. Tota: 2213.00; 216.90, £1.60, £2.20. De (winner 2213.00; 216.90, £1.60, £2.20. De (winner 2213.00; 216.90).

2.30 (2m Rat) 1, Droemers Delight (Gary Lyons, 8-1); 2, Arche Ruler (16-1); 3, For-get The Rest (8-11 Rav), 16 ran, 31(, 15); R Hollinchand, Totas (81, 0; 20,0), 24.80, 21.20, DP. £14.30, CSF; £120.57. Placepot 272.00

• The in-form Grevstoke team of Gordon Richards and Neale Doughty enjoyed another field day at Hexham vesterday with an 18-1 treble. They won the first three races in style with Candlebright, Montpelier Lad

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Medical advice flows freely across the airways as the fleet learns of my injury. The guys behind, naturally recommend reducing sail and resting up in my bunk. Instead, I am devising methods of working the boat on my backside, sailing by the seat of my pants as they say, in what has become a ber 12, the race takes on a new singlehanded, one-legged race complexion for me. Spirit is around the world. It is now

Sparkling celebration: John Martin cracks open the champagne after his arrival in Sydney yesterday

Bonanza Boy to complete treble

BONANZA Boy, whose prespects have been greatly im-proved by this week's rain, can complete a Coral Welsh Nat-ional treble at Chepstow this afternoon.

Martin Pipe's nine-year-old put up one of the outstanding performances of last season to defy 11st 11lb in the corresponding race 12 months ago but failed to reproduce that form subsequently in the Gold Cup, Grand National and Scottish National

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As a result of those disappointing efforts, Bonanza Boy is now able to race off an official handicap mark 4lb lower than when beating Cool Ground by 15 lengths a year ago. The latter has only a 3lb pull in the weights today. This season, Bonanza Boy has produced two satisfactory performances when finishing

third to the race-fit Celtic Shot



with Bonanza Boy

today's course three weeks E US Strictly on the book, Boraceva is entitled to confirm those placings on 3lb better terms but Bonanza Boy was beaten for speed at the end of a slowly-run race that day and, with a greater emphasis on stamina here, is fancied on his reappearance at to take his revenge, especially as Toby Balding's charge is home Boraceva in the three- not the most reliable of

Bearing in mind that the top nior Hurdle and Granville 4lb penalty if successful in the Rehearsal, Ben de Haan was not unduly hard on Bonanza Boy once Boraceva had passed him and that should pay dividends today. De Haan, successful in the race eight years ago on Corbiere, again partners Bonanza Boy.

Carrick Hill Lad, a grand type of horse, has been cleverly placed by Gordon Richards to win seven of his nine chases and could yet develop into a Cheltenham Gold Cup candidate.

However, he met defeat in his two most searching tests at Ascot and Ayr last season and cannot be guaranteed to last out this very demanding 34 miles against horses of proven stamina such as Bonanza Boy, Cool Ground and Boraceva.

Pipe has outstanding chances in each of the first four races on today's pro-gramme and I expect him to enjoy earlier success with Hopscotch in the Finale Ju- national Hurdle in Run For (12.15) and Mig (2.15).

weight would have incurred a Again in the Philip Cornes have been slightly flattered by his recent Haydock victory The winner of eight of her over Mole Board and Beec

nine races this season, Hop-scotch suffered her only defeat Road. Jenny Pitman sets a real poser by opposing Run For Free with four of her exciting at Wetherby in November. She has 10% lengths to make up on runner-up Dawson City Weathercock House team and Devil's Valley is nominated as the pick of the quartet. pull in the weights and has improved since with emphatic

A good sixth to Regal Ambition in the Sun Alliance Hurdle last season, Devil's Valley held an excellent chance two out and will appreciate the return to two

outstanding prospect last sea-son when winning National Hunt flat races at Leop-Whatever the fate of the ardstown and Navan and Pipe team at Chepstow, he finishing second in a winners' should be among the winners elsewhere with Monday Club The Deep Run four-year-(12.45) and William Anthony (1.15) at Lingfield and Sweet N° Twenty (2.5) at Hereford all old has, by all accounts, schooled exceptionally well and, if transferring his bumper holding clear chances.

form to hurdles, should have Mary Reveley and Peter Niven, both enjoying out-standing seasons, again look the combination to follow at the measure of Southern Supreme and Child Of The Mist. Pipe saddles the assured Edinburgh with Invertiel favourite for the Racing Inter-

BIG-RACE LINE-UP BBC1

1.55 CORAL WELSH NATIONAL (Handicap Chase: Grade III: £22,958: 3m 6f) (14 runners) 1 100P-32 BONANZA BOY 21 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (S Dunster) M Pipe 9-11-10 B de Haan 97

		(Files, while sears, park sleeves, purple armiets, park cap, while sear)	
2:	3320P-3	YAHOO 21 (F.G.S) (A Parker) J Edwards 9-11-8	9
		(Yellow, white epaulets, yellow sleeves, black armiets, white cap)	
3	1132-11	CARRICK HILL LAD 21 (C.G.S) (A Picken) G Richards 7-10-11	95
		(Maroon, gold sash and cap with maroon spots)	
4 5	51FP-64	ENVOPAK TOKEN 14 (F,G,S) (F Arthur) J Gifford 9-10-4	87
		(White, red disc, sleeves and spots on cap)	
53	MP-1F1		97
		(Black and gold stripes, hooped sleeves, quartered cap)	
6 :	21442-3	COOL GROUND 30 (C.G.S.) (Whitcombe Manor Ltd) R Akehurst 8-10-0 L Harvey	9
		(Dark blue, yellow star, sleeves and star on cap)	
7 (02133-5	ROWLANDSONS JEWELS 14 (F.G.S) (Rowlandsons Ltd) D Murray Smith 9-10-0 G Bradley	8
		(White, black diamond, black and white striped sleeves, white cap, black diamond)	
8 8	5-61222	(te) (() (90
		(Red. yellow epaulets, and hoop on sleaves, red cap with blue diamond)	
91	OP-423		86
		(Emerald green and yellow check, yellow sleeves and cap)	
104	IP-32U2	An and the state of the state o	85
		(Emerald green, scarlet hooped sleeves and cap)	
11 F	OU6P-3	L'ANE ROUGE 10 (S) (P Green) M Pipe 9-10-0	81
		(Light blue, dark blue diamond and diamond on cap)	
12 2	24F-121	ROYAL BATTERY 28 (G) (Mrs P Cottle) D Barons 7-10-0	77
		(Rust and light blue (quariered), rust sleeves, yellow cap)	
13 2	20211/1		68
		(Yellow, red epaulets, red and yellow halved sleeves)	
14 !	53015-4	THE QUOHEE 15 (C,S) (B Jones) J Baker 8-10-0	55

Long handicap: Cool Ground 9-13, Rowlandsons Jewel 9-8, Cloney Grange 9-5, Mick's Star 8-4, Outside Edge 9-2, L'Ane Rouge 9-1, Royal Battery 8-11, Flying God 8-0, The Quohee 6-11. BETTING: 11-4 Carrick Hill Lad, 4-1 Boraceva, 5-1 Cool Ground, 6-1 Bonanza Boy, 12-1 Envopak Token, 14-1 Mick's Star, 16-1 Yahoo, 20-1 Outside Edge, Royal Battery, 25-1 L'Ane Rouge, Rowlandsons Jewels, 33-1 Cloney Grange, 66-1 Flying God, 200-1 The Quohee. 1989: BONANZA BOY 8-11-11 P Scudamore (15-8 fav) M Pipe 12 ran

mile Rehearsal Chase over jumpers. CHEPSTOW

Selections By Mandarin

12.20 Hopscotch. 12.50 Granville Again. 1.20 Devil's Valley.

1.55 BONANZA BOY (nap). 2.30 Charlie Dickins. 3.00 Uncle Eli.

By Michael Seely 12.20 Dawson City. 1.55 CARRICK HILL LAD (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.55 CARRICK HILL LAD.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (SF,F,O,S) (New D Robinson) S Had 12-0 ... Resocard number. Stx-figure form (F - fet), distance winner. BF - beaten Invourns in P - pulled up. U - unseated rider. B - brought down. B - slipped up. H - refused. (F - firm, good to firm, hard. G - good. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days 3 - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in since less outling; F | first. (B - blinkers. by sected. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider by winner. D - distance winner. CD - gourne and Handisapper's rating.

Going: good (with good to soft patches) 12.20 FINALE JUNIOR HURDLE RACE (Grade I: 3-Y-O: £18,500: 2m) (13 runners)

12.50 PHILIP CORNES NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £3,099; 2m 4f) (20

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3-1 CHERRYGINO 45 (8) (Anne Duchams of Westminster) T Forster 5-11-4. C Lieuwillyn 74 (2000EN COTTAGE 23 (6) (Dr D Chesney) Dr D Chesney 5-11-4. B Powell 51 (2):211 SECRET FOUR 23 (0)-5(3) (Ann J Sturgle) R Alechards 4-11-4. L Henney 91 (95-11) SOUTH SANDS 115 (0)-5(0) (R Hugher) Mrs J Wornscoll 4-11-4. L Henney 91 (95-11) SOUTH SANDS 115 (0)-5(0) (R Hugher) Mrs J Wornscoll 4-11-4. III Planis 92 (HILD OF THE MBST 19 (0F) (RHS) Hugher) Mrs J Wornscoll 4-11-4. III Planis 93 (HILD OF THE MBST 19 (0F) (RHS) G Herbord 4-11-6. J Cebesse 9-80 (Fiscal RUN 17 (3 Ctody) P Hobbs 4-11-0. J Cebesse 9-80 (GLOVE PUPPET ST (Mrs G Baicing) G Baicing 5-11-0. J Prost 115 (GRANVILLE AGAIN 225 (Fis) (E Scarth) M Pips 4-11-0. J Lieuw 115 (GREENHILL RAFFLES 33 (J Sheddes) P Hobbs 4-11-0. G Missel (G) 76 (RAMAROA (Mrs H Rhodes) D Barons 4-11-0. J Lieuw 115 (RAMAROA (Mrs H Rhodes) D Barons 4-11-0. R Demond (G) 76 (RAMAROA (Mrs H Rhodes) Mrs N Shurpe 4-11-0. R Demond (G) 76 (RAMAROA (Mrs H Rhodes) P Hobbs 4-11-0. R Demond (G) 76 (RAMAROA (Mrs H Rhodes) P Hobbs 4-11-0. R Demond (G) 76 (RAMAROA (Mrs H Rhodes) P Hobbs 4-11-0. R Demond (G) 76 (RAMAROA (Mrs H Rhodes) P Hobbs 4-11-0. R Demond (G) 76 (RAMAROA (Mrs H Rhodes) P Hobbs 4-11-0. R Demond (G) 76 (RAMAROA (Mrs H Rhodes) P Hobbs 4-11-0. R Demond (G) 76 (RAMAROA (Mrs H Rhodes) P Hobbs 4-11-0. R Demond (G) 76 (RAMAROA (Mrs H Rhodes) P Hobbs 4-11-0. R Demond (G) 76 (RAMAROA (Mrs H Rhodes) P Hobbs 4-11-0. R Demond (G) 76 (RAMAROA (Mrs H Rhodes) P Hobbs 4-11-0. R Demond (G) 76 (RAMAROA (Mrs H Rhodes) P Hobbs 4-11-0. R Gount (Mrs H Rhodes) P Hobbs 4-11-0. R G

1.20 RACING INTERNATIONAL HURDLE (For The Sport Of Kings BBC) CIRBURINGS: 28,996: 2m) (8 PUMPRIS)

1 4133-31 BEALI PARI 36 (0.5) (3 Redmore) J Efford 6-11-8.
2 2/21218-0 DEVIL-3 VALLEY 203 (5) (birs A Gabrenon) Mrs J Pitmen 7-11-8.
3 1P122- DO BE BRIEF 265 (CD,Q.S) (E Brown) Mrs J Pitmen 6-11-6.
4 61131-6 FEFTH AMERIOMENT 38 (D,F.Q.S) (W Robins) Mrs J Pitmen 5-11-6.
5 11146-1 BURK FOR FREE 10 (D,F.S) (R Freetin) Mrs J Pitmen 5-11-6.
4 411-41 VALLA RECOS 7 (D,F.Q.S) (Mrs E Hischirs) Mrs J Pitmen 5-11-6.
7 255-233 PHILOSOPHOS 40 (D,F.G) (P Sadde) J Bales 4-11-1.
8 1396-11 STUPED CUPED 37 (D,F.G) (D Singheny) J Gifford 6-11-1.
8 ETTING: 10-11 Rum For Free. 4-1 Villa Recor. 8-1 Shanid Cupid, 8-1 Philosophea, 19 Challenge: £8,998: 2m) (8 runners) ______ 65 _____ M Stoutby 72 _____ J Haret 60 _____ J Lower 6 30

BETTING: 10-11 Run For Free, 4-1 Ville Recos, 6-1 Stupid Cupid, 8-1 Philosophos, 10-1 Beau Pari, 12-1 Do Se Brief, Devi's Valley, 14-1 Fifth Amendment. 1989: PROPERO 4-11-1 R Rows (11-1) J Gillord 8 ran

FORM FOCUS BEAU PARE, won a nortice chase at Warwick (2m 44, good), lest ran over hurdles when 6%; and to height Of Fun at Chellenham (2m 44, good to soft) height Of Fun at Chellenham (2m 44, good to soft) with STUPPO CUPPO (12ib worse off)
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Selections By Mandarin

12.45 Monday Club. 1.15 William Anthony. 1.45 Setter Country.

2.15 Dudie. 2.45 Miami In Spring.

Going: good (firm in back straight on chase course) 12.45 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,057: 2m) (17 runners)

1.15 HOLLY AND THE IVY NOVICES CHASE (£2,526: 2ml 4f) (7 runners)

BETTING: 11-10 William Anthony, 3-1 Quick Reaction, 5-1 Horrane D'Affaire, 6-1 Pensioner Patch, 19-3 Sharpford, 18-1 Caspian Piyer, 33-1 Decreto.

1.45 PORT AND STILTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,827: 2m) (4 runners)

1.55 CORAL WELSH NATIONAL (Handicap Chase: Grade III: 222,958: 3m 6f) (14 runners) RUNNERS AND RUDERS SEE RIGHT

Novices' Hurdle Qualifier.

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successes at Cheltenham

Granville Again looked an

(twice) and Sandown.

bumper at Phoenix Park.

2.30 YULETIDE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,080: 2m 4f) (\$2 runners)

1986: DAN RAISE 0-10-10 F Pernet (10-1) Aim J Pliman 22 /101

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3.0 FESTIVE SPIRIT NOVICES CHASE (£3,152: 2m) (11 runners) 9 AP-12 LUCKY PICLIE: 1 91 (5) (19 ROCKETZIN-CORR) W MCKREZIN-CORR 5-11-5 G McCourt
8 BIJONU- PLASTIC SPACEAGE 285 (Spaceage Pission List) J Okt 7-11-5 C Lievellys
9 952001/ SEVEN OF DIAMONDS 904 (6) (7 Keeping) D Beworth 5-11-6 Powell
10 00003- THE MCOUNLE 275 (Mrs D South D South 5-11-6 N Henric 2)
11 26/581/ NORTHERN JENOS 639 (6) (Nrs E Smith) O Sherwood 7-11-1 J Ceborne BETTINGS 3-1 Last 'O' The Sunch, 7-2 Uncle St. 4-1 Days Say, 7-1 Preside Finishing, 8-1 O'Relly, 10-1 the Baby, 14-1 Northern Jinks, 16-1 Seven Of Diamonds, 20-1 others.

1989: BRANDSSTON 4-10-9 D J Murphy (14-1) G Hubbard 11 ran

FORM FOCUS LAST "O" THE TURNING best You're Pokey 12! In a Windsor (2m 30yd, good to soft novice hards in March, 12m, MAYBE BABY left clear 2 cut when beating Gustaves Adolphus 12 over course and distance (2m, good).

MACLE BLI best Tenismis 6! at Worsesser (2m, soft).

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Sendown (2m, good) and Worcester (2m 2, good to soft novice handicap hurdle in April "29, MOSTH-ERN JBMCS off course since besting Bunday For Monday 11st in a Wincance (2m 6, good) novice handicap hurdle in April "29, MOSTH-ERN JBMCS off course since besting Highrish 6! in a Newton (2m 4, good).

Selection: UNCLE BLI Best Tenismis (2m 4, good).

FREELINE Tenismis (2m 4, good) novice handicap hurdle in April "38.

Selection: UNCLE BLI Best Tenismis (2m 4, good).

3.30 CHRISTMAS CRACKER HANDICAP CHASE (£3,223: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

THE LEGISTT 6-10-7 P Secondary (9-4 text M Plos 18 ren FORM FOCUS THE DESCH BANThere 12 at Casterick Str. 180yd, good to firm;
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Howley (2m 4f., firm), SIADYNA 734 3rd to LauderColle Lad at Sardown (2m 118yd, good to firm).

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In a Starford (2m 6f., good to soft) novice chase in

Course specialists

2.15 MAC VIDI PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (Handicap chase: \$3,018: 3m) (4

Long handicap: Toutished 8-13, Jim Bowle 8-11, BETTING: 8-11 Dudie, 2-1 Rubika, 12-1 Toukshed, 20-1 Jim Bowle. 2.45 BRANDY BUTTER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,040; 2m) (9

BETTING: 11-4 Tit Tech Flyer, 7-2 Serveen The Sheets, 4-1 Eddle Kybo, 6-1 Miami in Spring, 8-1 Disco Date, 10-1 Taffy Jones, 16-1 others. 3.15 PLUM PUDDING NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (E1,688: 2m) (17 runners)

Long handless: Decoling 3id 9-12, Amezing Sibs 9-10, Eastern Evening 9-9, Lakeside Lass 9-9, The Wooden Hut 9-8, Hentold Lane 9-6. SETTIME 8-1 Dame Doone, 9-2 Betmoredean, 8-1 Jolesian, 6-1 Briery File, 8-1 Good For The Roses, Deciding Sid, 16-1 Secret Summit, 14-1 Evening Rain, 16-1 Mister Oddy, 20-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS
Winners Rumers Per cent

Miss 8 Senders 9 29 31.0 H Davies

M Poe 10 43 23.3 M Ahern

H Akehuret 16 71 22.5 I Snormark

K Baskey 4 19 21.1 C Cox

K Baskey 7 38 18.4

J Gifford 18 103 17.5 Fides Percent 95 18.9 29 17.2 38 15.8 28 11.5 Only Guestine

Form guide to the 14 contenders

Dec 1, Chepstow, good: see

BOMACEVA.
Nov 21, Haydock, soft: (12-0) 1713rd to Cettic Shot (11-09) (3m, h'cap, £10,155, 6 ran).

Apr 21, Ayr, good to soft: see
BONANZA BOY.

Mar 15, Cheltenham

Apr 21, Ayr, good to soft: see
Mick's syramin Oaks / Mar 15, Cheltenham

Apr 21, Ayr, good to soft: see 210,155, 6 ran).

Apr 21, Ayr, good to soft: (11-10) behind when pulled up after 18th, YAHOO (11-5) behind when pulled up before 22nd, ENVOPAK TOKEN (10-9) pulled up before 2 out, MRCK'S STAR (10-3) pulled up after 17th and BORACEVA (10-3) pulled up before 24th (4m 120yd, list h'cap, 245,237, 28 ran).

Mar 15, Cheitsnhem, good to firm: see YAHOO.

COHAY

Dec 1, Chepstow, good: see BONACEVA. Apr 21, Ayr, good to soft see BONANZA BOY. Mar 15, Cheitenham, good to firm: (12-0) 391 7th to Norton's Com (12-0) with BONANZA BOY (12-0) 31 8th (3m 2t, champ, £87,003, 12 ran).

CARRICK HILL LAD

Dec 1, Chepstow, good: (12-0) best NECK'S STAR (10-7) 2½ (3m 3f, h'cap, £4,737, 8 ran). Nov 17, Ayr, soft (12-0) best Birling Jack (11-4) 12 (3m 110yd, h'cap, £3,785, 5 ran). Apr 20, Ayr, soft (11-13) 2l 2nd to Rioyal Athlete (11-13) (3m 110yd, Nov, £8,740, 14 ran).

ENVOPAK TOKEN

Dec 8, Lingfield, good: (11-16) 13%! 4th to Docklands Express (10-10) with NOWLANDSONS JEWELS (11-0) 1%! 5th (3m, n'csp, £10,392, 5

Nov 22, Haydock, soft: see OUT-MIDE EDGE. Apr 21, Ayr, good to soft; see BOMANZA NOY, Jan 6, Sandown, good: see COOL GROUND.

BORACEVA

Dec 1, Chepstow, good: (10-7) beet BONANZA BOY (11-12) 71 with YAHOO (11-5) 4l 3rd (3m, grade il h'cap, £17,300, 6 ran).

Mar 15. Cheitenham, good to firm: (10-9) 81 3rd to Bigsun (10-11) with L'ANE ROUGE (10-4) tailed off when pulled up before 2 out (3m 1f, list h'cap, £27,585, 14 ran). COOL GROUND

Nov 22, Haydock, soft ase OUT-SADE EDGE.

Sabe EARSE.
Fab 22. Wincanton, good to soft: (11-0) 25/ 2nd to Cavvies Clown (11-6) (3m 11, list, £9,070, 4 ran).
Fab 7. Ascot, soft: (10-2) 91/4 4th to Ten Of Spades (10-0) (3m, list h'cap, eos a 13, 7 ran). 225,813, 7 ren). Jan 6, Sandown, good: (10-10) beat Nick The Brief (11-9) nack, ROWLANDSONS JEWELS (10-9) nack 3rd, ENVOPAK TOKEN (11-10) mid-division when fell 20th (3m 8) 18yd, bet h'cap, £14,330, 12 ran).

> ROWLANDSONS JEWELS

Dec 8, Lingfield, good: se ENVOPAK TOKEN. Jan 27, Doncaster, good: (11-8) 171 3rd to Man O'Magic (11-10) (3m 122yd, h'cap, £15,858, 11 ran). Jan 6, Sandown, good: see COOL.

CLONEY GRANGE

Dec 2, Fairyhouse, good: (10-3) 31 2nd to Astrai River (10-6) (3m, fist h'csp. £5,520, 6 ran). Nov 10, Navan, yielding to soft: (10-12) 51 2nd to Roc De Prince (12-0) (3m, grade ii listed h'csp. £6,900, 10 ran). Oct 22, Limerick, yielding: (9-11) 3f 2nd to Astrai River (10-0) (3m, h'cap,

26,900, 9 nan). MICK'S STAR

Dec 13, Haydock, good to soft: see OUTSIDE EDGE. Dec 1, Chapatow, good: see CAR-RICK HELL LAD. Nov 22, Haydook, soft: see OUT-SIDE EDGE. BONANZA NOY

Dec 13, Haydock, good to soft: (10-3) 1½ 2nd to Twin Oaks (11-1) with MICK'S STAR (10-5) 6! 3rd (4m, h'cap. £5,703, 11 ran). Nov 29, Warwick, good: unseated rider 3rd (3m 1f, h'cap, £3.002, 7

Tan).

Nov 22, Haydock, soft: (10-0) 2%!

2nd to Twin Oaks (10-9), COOL,
GROUND (10-11) 25 3rd, MICK'S

STAR (10-2) ½! 4th, ENVOPAK

TOKEN (11-7) dist 6th and
BORACEVA (10-10) tell 4 out (3m 4f,
h'cap, £5,508, 8 ran).

L'ANE ROUGE

Osc 12, Worcester, soft: (12-0) 8141 3rd to Fingest (11-13) (3m, h'cap, 23.548, 10 ran). Mar 15, Chettenhum, good to firm: see BORACEVA. Mar 5, Windsor, good to soft: (12-3) 201 6th to Golden Cettic (12-0) (2m 8f, h'cap hdie, £2,742, 19 nm).

ROYAL BATTERY

Nov 24, Market Resen, good: (10-7) beet into The Mystic (10-0) 30i (4m, h'cap, £7,156, 8 ran).

Nov 8, Devon, good: (11-8) head 2nd to Golden Fox (11-6) (3m 11, h'cap, £2,703, 7 ran).

Oct 20. Stratford, good: (10-12) beet Tryumphant Lad (10-12) 20i (3m 2f, nov, £2,821, 11 ran).

FLYING GOD

Dec 7, Devon, good to firm: (11-11) beat Toukshad (10-0) 71 with TME QUOHEE (10-8) 61 4th (3m 11, h'cap, £2.529, 9 ran).

Apr 18, Devon, soft: (11-1) beat Farm Week (11-3) 101 (3m 11, h'cap, £1,898, 17 ran).

Apr 7, Devon, good: (11-5) beat Farm Week (12-5) 25i (3m 11, nov, £2,104, 14 ran).

THE QUOHEE

25 RANVET MARES CHILY NOVICES HURDLE

4 FURBIORE 25 T Thomson Jones 5-10-12 May 5 paids Fine COURT it Barop 5-10-12 May 5 paids Fine COURT it Barop 5-10-12 May 5 paids HELEN ELIZABETH S38F May 1. Bower 5-10-12 ACK'S LOVIELY LADY O Sherwood 6-10-12

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M REDWOOD SPATTE 10 B Morgan 4-10-12

MAPD GROUND 35 D Murray Smith 6-10-12

P Verling (3)

Dec 7, Devon, good to firm: see FLYING GOO. Mar 22, Devon, good to firm: (10-2) 26%; 5th to High Ham Blues (11-7) (3m 1f, h'csp. £3,150, 15 ran). Feb 17, Chapetow, soft: (10-5) beat Muchgrange (10-0) %I (3m 3t, h'cap, £2,784, 16 ran). Salection: BORACEVA

HEREFORD

Selections By Mandarin

12.30 Logical Lady, 1.0 Origami, 1.30 Another Bolus, 2.5 Sweet N. Twenty, 2.35 Capeli Cone. 3.5 Cleaning Up. 3.35 De Profundis. Going: good (good to firm in places)

12.36 COLTSFOOT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,828: 2m) (17 runners) 1 1491 MARINERS MERROR SA (CD.40 M Scudemors 11-9

2-1 Logical Lady, 5-1 Capability Brown, 11-2 Marinera Mirror, 5-1 Press, 7-1 Goldkrone, 8-1 Burford, 10-1 others. 1.0 COWSUP CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£1,758: 2m) (15) 1 2-48 NOROLLAY 17F (D.F.Q) N Timber 5-11-9

248 NORGLAY 17F [D.F.G] N Timear 5-11-9 SRicherdeon (5)

2 (595 SHONK 34 (D.BF.F) G Moors 5-11-8 N Beatsay (7)

3 PS- ALRON'S ROD 255 F Yardey 4-11-0 N Beatsay (7)

4 UPF- CRIES NOTE 234 J Old 6-11-0 P Device (7)

5 P EXACT AIRALYSIS (9 B Stevens 4-11-0 M Stevens (5)

6 UPP JACK LONDON 8 J Pickering 6-11-0 D Device (7)

7 DO MRS WING COMMANDER 9 J Brackey 4-11-0 S Device (7)

8 50-10 ORTSAMS 24 William Price 5-11-0 S Device (7)

9 F- PEAK DISTRICT 52F K Bridgentor 4-11-0 S Device (7)

10 6-62 SHELLYS FOLLY 24 MRS G Jones 5-11-0 P Ward (7)

11 SUPER THESDAY 875F N Smith 4-11-0 M Feater (1)

12 2444 VIGANO SI (8P) M Pod 4-11-0 M Feater (1)

13 0 WELSH GOVERNOR (9 E OVER J 4-11-0 D Skyrme (1)

14 43-4 CELTIC CRIMES 117 G Enright 6-10-9 R Moore (5)

15 40 GANGER CAMP 10 M Muggandga 4-10-9 Service (5)

6-2 Norquey, 4-1 Vigano, 5-1 Shelley's Folly, 6-1 Ganger Camp, Shonk, 8-1 Celtic Crumes, Crisp Note, 10-1 others. 1.30 CLOVES CHASE (£2,756: 2m 3f) (8)

1 -1.6 ASTRE RADIEUX 7 (6.5) S Meltor 5-11-9.... R Beggan
2 F112 BANBREDGE 24 (CD,F,G,S) D Nicholson 7-11-9

4 44-F MATRIC 9 (6.5) J Chapp 9-11-8

4 3222 PRIDRAUX BOY 17 (BF,F,G,S) C Roach 12-11-9

J Shortt 5 211/ SELVER ACE 844 (CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 11-11-9

5-2 Banbridge, 3-1 Shver Ace, 4-1 Astre Radioux, 5-1 Pri-ux Boy, 7-1 Metric, 10-1 Another Bolus, 33-1 others. Course specialists

TRAINERS: O Sherwood, 7 winners from 21 runners, 33.3%; M Pipe, 42 from 142, 28,6%; D Nicholson, 15 from 61, 24,6%; J Edwards, 17 from 78, 21,8%; P Beiley, 7 from 37, 18,9%; N Handwisch, 5 from 32, 16,8% JOCKEYS: D Toog. 9 winners from 51 rides, 17 8%: N Mann, 3 from 17, 17 8%, R Beggan, 11 from 63, 17 5%, K Mooney 8 from 47, 17,0%, S Earte, 10 from 51, 16.4%; N Coleman, 5 from 47, 10.8%

16 CBL/ MOSCOE'S GENAMA 631 N Thick 5-10-12 THE SELT HABIT STF. J HIS 4-10-12 K MOSCOEY 17 S SWEET IN TWENTY 10 M Pap 4-10-12 THE QUAKER 49 R Member 4-10-12 THE QUAKER 49 R Member 4-10-12 THE QUAKER 49 R Member 4-10-12 3-1 Sweet N' Tweny, 8-1 A Day Lite, 7-1 Furmore, Need-wood Sprite, 8-1 Dexterous Lady, 10-1 others. 2.35 COMFREY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,248: 3m 11) (8) 1) (8) 1 1/6- PADDY BUCK 421 (CO,F,6) J Honeyoud 10-11-10 _ § Earle 2 -68 RAUSAL 9 (5) T Balley 11-11-9 R Supple 3 -U12 TRUSTY FREND 25 (C.G.5) J Edwards 8-11-8..... — 4 PP-P SUM MISURED 25 (D.S) O Sherwood 7-10-12 M Richards 5 -68F CAPELI CORE 21 (GLS) Mrs. H Parrott 8-19-11 8 -2F4 AMBER BLOSSOM 44 (D.S) Maa H Knight 8-10-6. — 11-4 Trusty Friend, 9-2 Releigh Gazelle, 5-1 Amber esom, 6-1 Capell Cone, 8-1 Party, 10-1 others. 8.5 CARAWAY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,420: 2m) (4) 1 -S11 CLEAN THROUGH 24 (CD,Q) N Handerson 5-11-10 2 223- PARK STREET 206 (D,F) O Sherwood 5-11-6
M Richards \$ 2-43 CLEANING UP 72 D Gendorio 8-10-10... W MCF 4 6/2- LUCAYAN GOLD 208 K Bestop 6-10-7 4-7 Clean Through, 4-1 Cleaning Up, 5-1 Park Street, 7-1 Lucayan Gold. 3.35 CALLOW HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,742: 2m 3f) 8 6/4- FLUITER MONEY 301 (6,8) Mass G Dolar 5-10-7
9 1535 THREE LAICES 24 (F) 9 Criffeto 6-10-6... M Jones (3)
10 -522 WELSHMAN 28 (5) M Blanchard 4-10-6... D Callacter
11 60-8 CITY MOEX 10 (F) N Smath 4-10-5... R Begges
12 1-59 FAR OUT 21 (5) Y Basiey 4-10-2... M Supplie
13 4-U1 FRARY LAD 24 (CD,0) R Callow 9-10-0... S Earle
14 -03F BICKERSTAFFE 7 (6,5) R Callow 9-10-0... S Earle
15 -020 YAMASHTA 35 F Jorden 5-10-0... J Lodder (3)
16 -601 DE PROFLINDES 8 (V.CD,0) P Balley 6-10-0. 17 5294 SMITHY BEAR 22 (B.C.L.S) W Price 8-10-0 Skyrme (3) 16 534 WHATHY BEAR 22 (B.C.L.S) W Price 8-10-0 S Device (3) 16 534 WHATHY BEAR 23 (B.C.L.S) W Price 8-10-0 S Device (3) 19 6F06 ITB ALL OVER WOW 15 (B.P.) Was A 10ng 6-10-0

O'Neill considers appeal THE farmer responsible for having been held responsible for brigadier Jacques ummediately the appalling condition of Briga-

Brigadier Jacques ummediately before his controversial appearance at the Ascot Sales in 1988 is prepared to come forward to help Hugh O'Neill overturn his licence three years ago, maintenance three y five-year ban.

Former trainer O'Neill con-firmed yesterday that High Court action against the Jockey Club is now being considered by his solicitors and a decision will farmer for some time. be made in the New Year.

Just over a week ago he was declared a disqualified person by the disciplinary committee,

name of this farmer, but said:

"Now he has seen what has happened to me, that person is quite prepared to be identified."

O'Neill, who trained from tained that the horse, though listed for sale under his name, had been in the care of a local

He has never divulged the name of this farmer, but said:



Foseco falls to Burmah in fight that went to the last round

BURMAH Castrol, the lubricants group, has secured a surprisingly comfortable victory in its £259 million takeover battle for Foseco, the specialist chemicals concern

Burmah declared the offer unconditional yesterday after receiving acceptances in respect of 33.6 per cent of Foseco for its 300p a share cash offer. This gave Burmah, which acquired just under 30 per cent of its target in the market during the course of the bid, a

total of 63.5 per cent.By mid-afternoon Tom Long, the chairman of Foseco, had conceded defeat and was meeting Lawrence Urquhart, his opposite number at Burmah, at Burmah's London office in Mount Street to secure "an orderly

Mr Long said: "We believe we won the balance of the argument but recognise perforce that cash is king. However, we would like to pay tribute to the numerous shareholders who took a longer term view and remained loyal throughout the bid."

the bid after a late rally by Foseco supporters to preserve the company independence. Their campaign gained momentum when M&G Fund Management said it would support the existing

However, support was swept in the opposite direction after Phillips & Drew Fund Management and Hill Samuel sided with Burmah.

Burmah's successful offer represents an exit multiple of 11,1 times 1990 earnings, based on Foseco's own forecast

Although some institutions believed the final offer was low - Burmah's initial offer was worth 275p a share - the majority voted in favour of accepting the sh instead of putting their faith in Foreco's ability to extract greater value from the business by disposing of several substantial assets. The day before the bid Foseco shares traded at 186p.

Jonathan Fry, managing director of Burmah, said: "We were all on tenterhooks because the outcome was decided

margin of our success vindicates all our pleas to the market."

The takeover bid for Foseco was launched in October before Mr Long, a former director of BAT Industries, had formally taken over as chairman. He was immediately faced with the difficult task of defending a lackhustre record in a year when both profits and earnings were expected to fall sharply.

Charles Pick, the Nomura analyst, had anticipated taxable profits of £35 million

Analysts had predicted a tight finish to of 27.1p a share that was issued as part of on the last day. It seems a lot of decisions this year, against £46.2 million in 1989, on the last day. It seems a lot of decisions this year, against £46.2 million in 1989, its definer. to 21.3p. After receiving negligible acceptances

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by the first closing date, Burmah increased its offer by 25p to 300p. Foseco's response to the bids was to offer for sale its interests in construction. chemicals and abrasives to concentrate on its core metallurgical businesses. The company pledged to pay a special dividend of 20p a share and to use the proceeds of the main disposals to buy in a large slice of its own shares.

Pound firmer despite £971m trade deficit

By Anatole Kaletsky, economics editor

count deficit narrowed last month to £971 million from £1.06 billion as imports of manufactures fell sharply while exports

Although the trade gap was bigger than the £800 million market forecast, the pound trade in finance, services and rose encouragingly against a floundering mark.

tinued to be hit by the political dollar, which benefited from Union, rose even more rapidly than sterling. Nevertheless, sterling's abil-

ity to bounce back to DM2.88, after a low of about DM2.85 on Wednesday, revived hopes that the pound might finally have reached a sustainable level in the European exchange-rate mechanism. period of exchange rate stability has been established by government officials as the main precondition for an in-TETERI TRIC CHI.

The cumulative current account deficit for the first 11 months of the year was £14.96 deficit for the past three billion, suggesting that the months was £2.75 billion, the billion, suggesting that the Treasury's 1990 deficit fore-Treasury's 1990 deficit fore-cast of £15.5 billion, published since February 1988. The less than two months ago, is three-month visible trade defilikely to be missed, albeit by a cit, at £2.84 billion, was the small margin. However, next lowest since May 1987. year's forecast of £11 billion could prove more realistic, elements in the latest trade compared with Fr6.69 billion no further improvement in

the trade performance.

Executive Editor

* STOCK MARKET

New York Dow Jones 2637.13 (+7.67)*

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INTEREST RATES

Tokyo Nikkei Avge

Major Indices and

London: Bank Base: 14% 3-month Interbank 14-13%%

3-month eligible bills:13¹6-13¹18¹⁶ US: Prime Rate 10¹6 Federal Funds 7¹18¹⁶

3-month Treasury Bills 6.53-6.52%° 30-year bonds 105¼-1051132°

CURRENCIES

GOLD

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan) \$26.90 bbt (\$27.15)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barcinya Bank PLC. Different according to the same of comments according to the same of comments according to the same of comments.

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New York: Comex \$380,55-381 05°

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24119.60 (~405.34)

92.8 (-0.2)

FT 30 Share

1688.4 (+1.2)

FT-SE 100

2164.4 (+5.6)

BRITAIN'S current ac- man, said the data had "econ- erials, down 14 per cent in the omic failure" written all over them. "The figures mark a poor end to one of the worst

November's visible trade remained on a high deficit was identical with the ccount deficit at £971 million, since government statisticians estimated that invisible interest payments had been roughly in balance in the past two months. The narrowing of deficit between October turmoil in Moscow, and the and November resulted from a 1/2 per cent drop in imports to worries about the Soviet £9.76 billion and a 1/2 per cent rise in exports to £8.79 billion.

In terms of the three-month averages that government statisticians believe give a better guide to the economy's underlying performance, im-ports, excluding erratic items, were 4½ per cent lower in the latest three-month period than in the one before, while exports were 11/2 per cent higher. in the latest three months, non-erratic imports were also exports were 7 per cent up.

But there were also ominous modities showed that the largest part of the improvement

latest three-month period, and manufactured goods, down years in Britain's trading reflect the deep recession that history." Britain from the summer onwards. Export growth, meanwhile, is showing signs of slowing Exports of manufactured goods, 7 per cent higher than a year ago, have risen by only 1 per cent between the last two three-month periods.

> depth of the recession, the government yesterday published cyclical indicators of the economy for October. These showed further steep falls in both the coincident and shorter leading indicators. The coincident indicator. which reflects the strength of current economic activity, fell to 91.5 in October, from 92.5

tion of the suddenness and

the month before. The shorter leading indicator, which signals turning Compared with a year earlier, points in the economy about six months in advance, fell even more sharply to 90.7 from 91.8. The longer leading indicator, which tends to start The total current account rising about 12 months before the end of a recession, rose slightly to 93.4 (93.2 in September) but this move was considered too small to be statistically significant. The French unde deficit in

November fell sharply and unexpectedly to Fr601 million since it would imply virtually data. The breakdown by com- in October. Economists had expected a result of about Fro billion. The figures seemed to Gordon Brown, Labour's was due to sharply falling im-reflect destocking in the trade and industry spokes-ports of industrial raw mat-corporate sector.

Sears has a 2 per cent stake in Next and has indicated in

the past that it would be

interested in acquiring Grat-

tan were it to come up for sale.

are sister companies and know

bought by Sears for £477 million almost three years ago, is bucking the trend in the high street. Turnover for the

past six months is expected to be 10 per cent up on last year,

period significantly higher.

David Jones, chief exec-utive of Next, is not believed

to be considering any large

asset sales, but the slump in

the Next share price from

more than 80p a year ago to

171/2p makes the group look

Sears raised £68.7 million

ths week through property

disposals. If it were to acquire

Grattan, Sears would have to

pay about £140 million,

according to analysts. This sum would be enough for Next

convertible bond issues,

which are due in 1992. It is

which has gearing of less than

20 per cent, would launch a

hostile bid for Next

each other well. Freeman

Gratian and Freemans, Sears's mail order business,



ess at NatWest's personal dealing operation in Mausell Street All hands on deck: Charlotte Tester copes with some of the hectic busine

Nadir colleague agrees to talk to fraud squad

By NEIL BENNETT

ELIZABETH Forsyth, a central figure in the Polly Peck affair, has agreed to talk to the Serious Fraud Office in the New Year.

Partners, her solicitor, said she had agreed a "mutually convenient date" to be interviewed, but her spokesman declined to my when this would be. Mrs Forsyth was the chair-

man of South Audley Management, the company that ran private trusts belonging to Asil Nadir, Polly Peck's chairman. An SFO raid on South Audley's headquarters led to a collapse in Polly Peck's share price and to the appointment of receivers to the group.

Britain last week and has since been taking refuge at her five bedroomed Georgian house in Granthum...

Meanwhile, Richard Stone,

one of Poliy Peck International's administrators, said he was trying to unlock up to £30 million from planned property developments in nothern Cyprus and Turkey to fund working capital in Vestel

and Sansui, the group's electronics subsidiaries. Mr Stone said the only free capital in the group was in the form of deposits on 12 developments in Cyprus and Turkey, which the administrators are negotiating to Mrs Forsyth returned to live

NatWest scores record volume in power shares

A TOTAL of 50,000 people sold their electricity shares through the branches of National Westminster Bank yes-terday, while almost 50 million shares went though the stock market as a whole. NatWest hired an extra 30

on Christmas Eve. dealing staff, virtually doubling the numbers at the headquarters of its Touchscreen personal dealing operation at Mansell Street in the

The bank's stockbroking arm is claiming an 18 per cent share of the market in electricity shares yesterday.

But although the volume of business at NatWest was a break

By MARTIN WALLER record for any privatisation, pence as the market braced the huge wave of sellers preitself for retail investors to dicted by some did not

NatWest and other easy well supported by suggestions dealing services will be open again for a half day's trading In all the bank did almost 28,000 deals, in trading that was described as hectic and likely to stay that way until at

least the new year. Officials handling the £5.2 billion flotation of the 12 regional electricity distributors have promised that all the share certificates will be in the post by the Christmas

shareholders, therefore, will at the energy department. not yet have received theirs and were in no position to deal

The Mansell Street operation is electronically linked to 270 of NatWest's 3.000 and their capital structure. branches around the country that offer the Touchscreen

In all 47.5 million electricity shares changed hands

Talks are continuing into the new year, meanwhile,

of stake building, and some of the buying is thought to have

But the shares have been

come from across the Atlantic. between the government's advisers and the next two com-panies due off the pri-vatisation slipway, National Power and PowerGen, the

The talks are being described as "very robust" and "tough but fair," which bone-crunching negotiations

The issues that must be settled by January 18, when the two goes to the printers, is dividend and profits forecasts

The question of what debts they will take on has largely been settled, although the two companies are reserving the right to renegotiate the accepted figure of £700 million The prices, which started during the current the day firm, dropped a few negotiations.

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Astra reshape cuts £79m from deficit

By JONATHAN PRYNN

ASTRA Holdings, the loss- paying a dividend, once it revenue account to only £4.1 The deficit was built up

through accumulated losses, including a £65 million extraordinary write-off last year related to the closure of a Belgian subsidiary involved in the Iraqi supergun affair.

The reconstruction involves an application to the High Court to have the nominal value of the company's ordinary shares reduced from 25p to 10p and for the share premium account to be cancelled. This will allow Astra to transfer £79.5 million to its profit and loss account, reducing the deficit to £4.1 million. The reconstruction will bring the company a step closer to

making munitions group, has returns to trading profits. announced a capital re- However, Roy Barber, the construction that will reduce chairman, said his "first, secthe £83 million deficit on its ond and third priority" would be to reduce Astra's £40 million debt burden to manageable levels before any dividend payment could be considered. Astra also announced a

record order book in America due to increased demand for its explosives since the American military build-up in the Gulf.

Astra said it had received one \$18 million order from the American defence department and had "further potentially large orders in the discussion stage". In addition the company said its British order book was improving.

The new business was announced as Astra unveiled reduced pre-tax losses of £2.5 million for the six months to end-September against £3.4 million last time. The company made a £65.2 million attributable loss in the 1989-90 financial year. Turnover increased by 12 per cent to £44.3 million. There is no

interim dividend (nil). Mr Barber said a costsaving programme begun this year will have reduced the company's cost base by £10 million a year by March. The company also intends to sell off "non-core and non-income producing assets." However, no offers have yet been received for any of these assets, Mr Barber said.

He added that: "The combination of a sound industrial base and viable order book means that the company is now positioned to look to the future."

The shares increased 3p to

Elf deal **David Brewerton** with THE POUND AND US dollar Amoco is 1.8840 (-0.0240) German mark referred 2.8854 (+0.0249) Exchange Index

PETER Lilley, the trade secretary, has referred the pur-chase of Amoco's United Kingdom petrol refining and marketing operations by Elf Aquitaine of France to the Monopolies and Mergers

By ROSS TIEMAN

The reference is the fifth takeover of British assets by a foreign state-controlled company to be examined by the instituted by Nicholas Ridley, Mr Lilley's forerunner, in July. It is the fourth involving a French company.

In making the reference, Mr Lilley rejected the advice of Sir Gordon Borrie, directorgeneral of fair trading.

Mr Lilley said the ability of the French government to influence Elf and Total Compagnie Française de Petroles, which also competes in Britain, "raised issues of public interest which warranted investigation".

Under the deal, completed n August, Elf bought Amoco's 70 per cent stake in a 100,000barrel-a-day refinery and terminal at Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, and pipelines to Kingsbury, Warwickshire and Cadishead, Manchester.

Elf also acquired 200 Amoco service stations, donbling the number of its British outlets and giving it a 4.2 per cent share of the market. The disposal completed Amoco's withdrawal from petrol refining and marketing outside North America. The price has not been disclosed.

A spokesman for Elf in Paris declined to comment. Official notification of the decision had not been received. Amoco was seeking reaction from its

Elf is 55 per cent owned by the French government. The rest of its shares are in private hands. The French government also has a 35 per cent holding in Total. In July, Mr Ridley said he

This will remove the largest part of Ensign's business. Apart from the Merchant Navy officers' fund, Argosy manages only £600 million, which mainly belongs to the company or





"This has been a very successful year for us and business in the past two weeks has been particularly strong. Lingerie, toys and jewellery are among the best selling lines, with lingerie up 40 per cent on last year." Teenage Mutant Hero Turtle merchandise is also to meet the payments on its selling well.

Shoppers tend to order Christmas goods from mail thought unlikely that Sears, order companies early to ensure they arrive in time. Mr Hawker said 90 per cent of orders were telephoned and Mike Hawker, managing most were delivered within

director of Freemans, said: two to three days. The last par- bucking the trend, Sears as a cels for Christmas will be dispatched today. "We are amused by the current Sunday trading debate," says Mr Haw-lished a bearish note on the ker. "We are open 24 hours a group in which he says the

day, seven days a week". Mr Hawker said Freemans, the fourth largest mail order group, has lifted its market thare to 14.7 per cent and has taken business from Grattan.

"There are obvious economies of scale but Freemans

whole is not Paul Morris, a retail analyst at Goldman Sachs, has pub-

present Sears rating looks record and modest recovery prospects. Mr Morris is forecasting pre-tax profits of £110 million for the year to January, down from £183.5 million last year. But he has grown very successful on expects the home shopping its own so far. The Grattan division to contribute £30 issue is secondary," he said.

But while Freemans may be up from £26.6 million.

Flag hauled down at Ensign Trust By NEIL BENNETT New Frontiers Development Trust, a offer. Eusign has been forced to write discredited these investment mansubsidiary. discredited these investment man-

BANKING CORKESPONDENT

AFTER five years of swashbuckling investment management, Ensign Trust has been scuttled by its owners. The company has been dismissed as investment manager of the Merchant Navy Officers' Pension Fund, the controlling shareholder, and ordered to wind itself up within five years.

The pension fund is terminating its management contract with Argosy Asset Management, Ensign's management subsidiary, at the end of March, and will hold a beauty parade for new managers to look after its £1.5 billion The Merchant Navy officers' fund

trustees, led by Tony Ashmore, the chief executive, decided to dismiss Argosy after they grew unhappy with performance. Ensign has a reputation as an aggressive manager of big stakes in small companies. Almost half Ensign's assets are invested in companies worth less than £20 million. Ensign has had considerable success. But the depression in the smaller

company sector in the past two years has dulled its performance. The Merchant Navy officers' fund was finally stirred into action after the sale of Filmtrax, the music publisher, to Thorn EMI. In the annual report, Ensign's stake was valued at £11.6 million. But when the sale was finalised, Filmtrax's assets were far lower

"It was not even as if the value of the stake declined," said Mr Ashmore.

"One day there was £11.6 million and the next there was nothing."

The Merchant Navy officers' fund has said it is ready to sell the £260 million stake in Ensign, but the fund thinks it is unlikely that it will receive an offer. Instead the trust is being given five years to sell off its portfolio and pay off investors. Ensign, whose stares have been trading at a beavy discount to asset value, rose 10p to 53p yesterday as hopes rose that the

company could unlock its assets. The news was announced at Ensign's annual meeting. John Gillum, a non-executive director, demanded the Merchant Navy officers' fund make a full offer to minority shareholders. "It than estimated, and Thorn reduced its is entirely wrong the trustees have

agers publicly. If they wanted change they had ample scope to initiate whatever was needed, he said later.

Geoffrey Musson, Argosy's managing director, said the move had fallen on the company "like a bombshell". He gave a warning to other investment managers of the consequences of doing business with big pension funds. He said: "If you are in bed with an elephant and it rolls over in the night, what is going to happen to

Mr Ashmore said the trustees needed to look after their 60,000 pensioners property. "We have negative cashilow. We simply do not have the money to support some of the long-term projects of Ensign's. Some of the punts have come through very well. But not lately. Perhaps ideas are running out."

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would in future be paying particularly close attention to the degree of state control over acquiring companies when deciding whether to refer deals

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sector trend with losses

By MATTHEW BOND

SHAFTESBURY Group, which specialises in West End property, has reported pre-tax losses of £5.5 million after writing down the value of some development properties by £4.3 million. No final dividend is to be roid (1.5a)

by £4.3 million. No final dividend is to be paid (1.5p).

Shaftesbury's losses come at the end of a week that has shown clearly how hard the commercial property market is being affected by high interest rates and the imbalance of supply and demand. City Site Estates, Cabra and Zurich have all reported and Zurich have all reported significant losses, while profits at Dwyer were sharply

Net asset values have also been falling Shaftesbury fol-lowed the trend, with net assets per share dropping from 284p to 222p, a fall of 22 per cent. The shares fell 18p to

The losses for the year to end-September compare with pre-tax profits of £5 million last year. The interest bill almost trebled, rising from £1.2 million to £3.4 million. The results were also hit by £2.5 million of losses from associates. In 1989, Shaftesbury's associate companies, where partners include Dares Estates and Ford Sellar Mor-ris, contributed £894,000 to

Peter Levy, chairman, said the company had largely completed its development programme. "Our investment portfolio will continue to benefit from our policy of active management and we expect further increases in rental income from rent reviews and lease renewals."

Manpower suffers 8% drop

By COLIN CAMPBELL

MANPOWER, the Milwaukee employment agency group, reported after-tax profits for the year to end-October falling by 8.3 per cent from \$65.8 million to \$60.3 million, on revenues 11.5 per cent higher at \$3.04 billion.

The figures exclude goodwill amortisation, certain exchange losses and the effect of gains or losses on the sale and closure of businesses. The group is changing its year-end

from October to December. The American side of Manpower advanced in the last three months of the reporting period, and also over the 12-month period, but the world month period, but the world markets for the firm's temporary help services are now days to allow the lawyers to have agreed to take up showing signs of economic rubber stamp the documents.

In November, the group's planned sale of five British agency chains was called off after fund-raising difficulties associated with the leveraged buyout. The agency sale of non-core British businesses would have severed Manpower's unhappy connection with Blue Arrow.

Halfway loss at **Platignum**

By OUR CITY STAFF

PLATIGNUM, the pen and furniture group, has reversed last year's interim £209,000 profit, with a £331,000 pre-tax loss for the six months to end-

September.
The company made a small trading profit but was hit by a £200,000 interest charge and a £173,000 exceptional redundancy and rationalisation cost. There will be no interim dividend on ordinary or pref-

erence shares. Stanley Cohen and Simon Knott, joint chairmen, said the company had encountered reduced demand in most areas, particularly for its consumer products. Turnover fell from £11.2 million to £10

million.
Mr Cohen and Mr Knott said cost reduction and other rationalisation measures would lead to an improved trading performance.

tribution division fell from

Ensor profits drop to £331,000 at half time

By PHILIP PANGALOS

WEAKER market conditions, particularly in the building over down from £6.25 million sector, took their toll on to £5.63 million. Manufacturprofits at Ensor Holdings, the ing made a £3,000 loss, against £335,000 profits last time, on tion and building products turnover reduced from £4.01

million to £3.26 million. The vehicle division saw The company suffered a profits slip from £419,000 to slump in pre-tax profits from £877,000 to £331,000 in the £393,000, on turnover down from £20.7 million to £18.6 six months to end-September,

as turnover declined from Group trading profits slid from £1.14 million to £29.6 million to £26.1 million. said the recession had a mark- £777,000, while interest payed effect on the manufacturing ments rose from £266,000 to £446,000. Earnings per share and distribution divisions, fell from 5.9p to 2.2p, alreducing turnover and eroding margins. Profits at the dis-

Shaftesbury continues WPP Group shares plunge as interim payout is cancelled

By MARTIN WALLER WPP GROUP, the debtstricken advertising agency, has withdrawn its interim dividend payment, announced in August, and is holding talks with its bankers over restructuring its debts.
The shares fell almost 20p in early trading before the news but ended 11p lower at 50p. A 13.7p interim dividend announced in August had been due on January 2, but at a board meeting on Thursday, the decision was taken to

shelve the payment. Martin Sorrell, the chief executive, would not comment on the circumstances surrounding the dropped payment. But it was a move that met with the approval of WPP's banks, to which it owes

an estimated £350 million. The dropped dividend will save WPP about £8 million. The company has until April to decide whether to pay another £12 million as dividends on its preference shares, but the market expects this payment to be passed.

Tom Donaldson, a managing director of JP Morgan, which is representing the banks, said WPP's move was "a very responsible and very difficult decision made at the right time". Talks with the banks will continue into the new year, and he was "as con-fident as one reasonably can be" of a successful outcome.

"The company never asked the banks for approval, and there was no question of the banks either approving or disapproving," he said.

But the banks are thought to have prompted the dropped payment as part of continuing discussions with the group, which has seen a catastrophic collapse in its share price since the summer. The shares, which tracked at more than £7 earlier in the year, were just under £4 last month, when WPP announced that profits for calendar 1990 would not match market estimates of

£100 million. "I think the banks were behind it in suggesting it, but it man, in a letter spelling out had to be ultimately a board the latest news to sharehold-



decision," said Neil Blackley, ers. "It may therefore be some target, believed to be about 2.8 dent in its debt mountain. Mr analyst at James Capei. Market estimates are now

for £90 million pre-tax, so if in profits and earnings experiboth dividends are dropped the money saved will be sufficient to make up the

WPP has yet to draw up its

outlook is gloomy, given that analysts and commentators expect the adverse conditions over the last mouths of this year to continue into next, said David Ogilvy, the chair-

A&Ps rights. This will give

the American finance house a

holding of just under 40 per cent. A&Ps shareholding falls

to less than 10 per cent. It is

showing a loss on its original stake and had been reluctant

Relations between A&P and

Isosceles cooled in July when

A&P publicly attacked the

running of Gateway. The two

groups have since made up

A&P, which has a seat on the Isosceles board, acquired

its 20 per cent after selling its Gateway shares to Isosceles in August last year. Isosceles, led by David Smith, chief exec-

utive, successfully beat a com-bined bid by A&P and WP for

control of the supermarket

chain. The refinancing be-

came necessary after Isosceles failed to sell a package of

to commit new money.

their differences.

The long and winding road: Martin Sorrell in New York. WPP is talking to banks over restructuring group debts time before the group can resume the pattern of growth

enced up until a few months

WPP says it is not in breach of its banking covenants, which are thought to require budgets for 1991, but the interest payments to be outlook is gloomy, given that covered about 2.3 times by 1990's profits. But the loss of cash flow because of the difficult state of advertising markets has meant WPP is unlikely to see borrowings fall

guidance on 1991 budgets rangements would be from the company, range from successfully concluded in the £65 million to £90 million pretax. The agencies team at Warburg Securities, for example, is forecasting £77 million. WPP has come under pressure to make disposals but is known to be keen to keep the

times, could therefore be at Ogilvy said the "major banks" had reaffirmed their support Analysts' forecasts for next for WPP, and he was conyear, in the absence of any fident that suitable ar-

But aithough the group was achieving "satisfactory profits" in the present adverse economic climate, "our cash flow is now below our projections of a few months ago. As a group together. It is prepared result, a major priority is to to sell a small agency, Scali conserve cash". A dividend as fast as it had promised the McCabe Sloves, but this is payment was therefore not in banks, and next year's cover unlikely to make much of a the company's best interests.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

William Cook buys Ohio firm for \$14m

WILLIAM Cook, the acquisitive Sheffield foundry group, is william Cook, the acquisitive Sheifield foundry group, is expanding its American operations with the purchase of Uniteast, a steel castings supplier, for a maximum of \$14 million. Uniteast, of Toledo, Ohio, supplies the railroad, road freight, materials handling, construction, military and mining industries, and made pre-tax profits of \$1.7 million in the year to April 1, on turnover of \$22.1 million.

Andrew Cook, chairman and chief executive, said: "With sterling locked into the exchange-rate mechanism at its

sterling locked into the exchange-rate mechanism at its current strong levels, William Cook would have found increasing difficulty in supplying US demand from the UK." He added that Unitcast's proprietary product range gives his company a strong position in the American rail and mining markets, which are expected to show "a significant level of

Forminster figures rise

FORMINSTER, the clothing manufacturer, lifted pre-tax profits from £896,000 to £995,000 in the half year to end-October, on turnover up from £9.26 million to £10.7 million, despite difficult market conditions. The company is confident of "another satisfactory year". The interim divider proved to 3.475p (3.025p). Earnings per share climbed to 20.75p (17.22p).

Learmonth halves payout

LEARMONTH & Burcher Management Systems, the USM-quoted computer services group, has cut its inter-im dividend from 0.8p to 0.4p, after a pre-tax loss of £618,000 in the half year to end-October, against last time's profit of £513,000. Turnover was £9.64 million (£8.03 million). There was a 3.4p loss per share (earnings of 2.7p). The shares lost 10p

Ifico results plunge

plunged from £2.17 million to £493,000 in the year to end-June. Turnover fell from £11.5 million to £1.91 million, largely due to disposals. There were exceptional costs of £77,000. Earnings per share dived from 4.69p to 1.14p. There

is no dividend, against 0.5p last time.

Jacques Delacave, chairman, said the fundamental changes that took place during 1989 and 1990 make any meaningful comparison between the group's figures for those two years "well nigh impossible". There was an extraordinary debit of £2.74 million, mainly due to litigation costs relating to CRC International Finance.

Buyout at Ryan Hotels

KEN Phelan and Patrick McCarthy, executives at Ryan Hotels, the Dublin hotel group, are to buy three hotels via a £5.1 million management buyout. The hotels are Blooms Hotel in Dublin, Yeats Country Ryan at Rosses Point and the Westport Ryan Hotel. Ryan says the hotels have been sold at book value, with the proceeds being used to re-

Margins cut

KELSEY Industries, the sol-der maker and roofing contractor, reports a slight increase in pre-tax profits from £3.4 million to £3.44 million for the year to end-September on turnover up from £44.1 million to £52.1 million. The adverse movement in the tip price affected margins. The final dividend is 20p (18.375p), making 28p (22.5p). Earnings per share were 64p (58.6p).

Isosceles finishes its refinancing

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ISOSCELES, the highly million of mezzanine debt, geared company that owns the with an interest rate of 16 per Gateway supermarket chain, cent, into equity.

has completed its refinancing, Wasserstein Perella, which

Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company (A&P), which has a 20 per cent stake in Isosceles, will not participate in the refinancing although it supports the deal.

The refinancing package involves placing £150 million of shares and converting £85



Gateway stores in March. News Corp given shares go-ahead

deliberation, to allow The News Corporation to issue Thursday. limited-voting preference

shares. The decision also means that other Australian companies can now, with shareholder approval, issue a form of quasi-equities that have limited voting rights. News

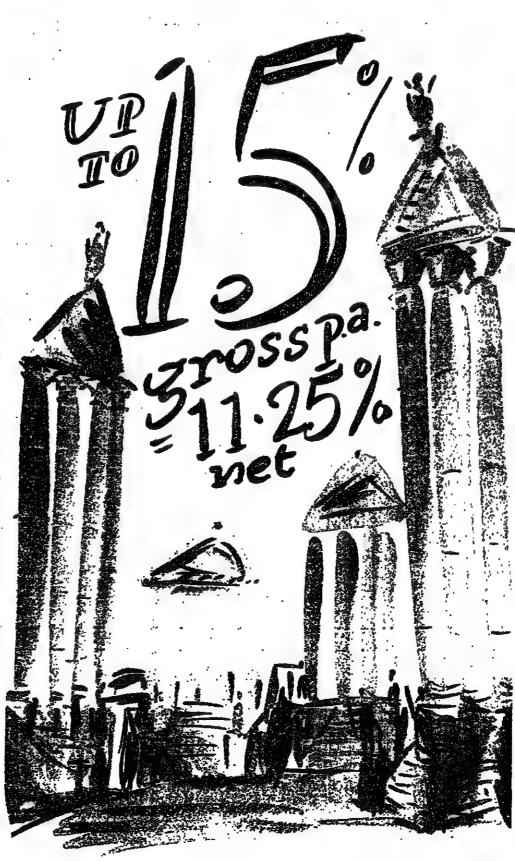
By OUR CITY STAFF THE Australian stock ex- Corp shares recovered 34 change has decided, after long cents to Aus\$4.69 yesterday deliberation, to allow The after a Aus\$1.09 fall on

Ray Schoer, the national companies director of the Australian stock exchange, said a number of companies were interested in issuing participation preference shares but that "none of them ranks in the league of News Corp". TNT Limited is believed to be one of these

Mr Schoer said News Corp's application had forced the exchange to decide on a policy on the issuing of such shares. It had earlier been expected

that News Corp might make an early free bonus issue of the new shares to existing share holders to establish a market value for possible future cashraising issues, but News Corp, which is still conducting talks on debt rescheduling said yesterday only that its board will consider the matter. Mr Schoer said allowing the limited voting shares was in line with such issues in America and the United Kingdom.

The international media group, which owns The Times, had said it might move its head office, which has always been in Australia,



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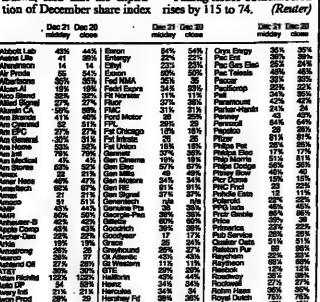
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closed slightly lower, de-pressed by the resignation of the Soviet foreign minister. Brokers said that trading was thin before the Christmas break. The All-Ordinaries index fell 4.4 to 1,272.2. This was the lowest since February 29, 1988 when the index ended at 1,250.7.

narrowly mixed in quiet trading with most investors on the sidelines due to a combination of year-end factors and worries about the political situation in the Soviet Union and the Gulf. The Dax index ended 5.62 ing by 3.3 per cent on BPB Br Asro firmer at 1,414.88 after plung-

◆ Hong Kong — Prices ended slightly higher after rebounding from a morning low which Mr Shevardnadze's resigna-tion. The Hang Seng index Hong Kong index gained 1.7 to 2,018.62. (Reuter) (Reuter)

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TOKYO

Index dips 405 points in thin trading

PRICES closed lower in thin trading, but were above their lows for the day after a number of positive but unconfirmed reports circulated. These partly offset the effect of Thursday's news that Mr Shevardnadze had resigned,

brokers said. Mike Morizumi, an associate strategist at Lehman Brothers Japan, said: "People blamed the fall on Mr Shevardnadze, but I think his resignation was more of an excuse for the market to

The Nikkei index closed down 405.34 points, or 1.65 per cent, at 24,119.60 after losing 351.84 on Thursday. The Nikkei was down by as much as 561.02 to 23,963.92 in late morning. The last time the index fell through 24,000 was on December 12.

Turnover was a sluggish 350 million shares before a threeday weekend here compared with 360 million on Thursday. The market is closed on Monday for the emperor's

hirthday. Mr Shevardnadze's resigna tion pushed the dollar higher and reduced hopes for lower said. The Nikkei was down by 229.9 points, or 0.94 per cent,

Among companies doing business with the Soviet Union, Chori fell Y40 to Y950, Marubeni Y27 to Y671

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STOCK MARKET

Market-makers pull the plug on new electricity shares

THE recently privatised electricity shares "blew a fuse" in late trading as market-makers marked prices lower in the hope of pre-empting the ex-pected wave of selling by small investors. Those all-important share

certificates have started dropping through letterboxes and private investors can now decide whether to take a profit. But, on balance, it looks as if the majority will hold on to their shares - and perhaps even add to their holdings later. But the moveby market-makers will ensure that those who take their profits now will not receive as big a sum as they would have

However, this reverse is likely to prove short-lived. The index-tracking funds will want to increase their weighting before the electricity ares become constituents of the FT All-Share Index on Јапиагу 2.

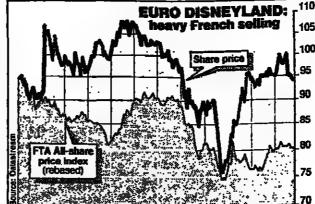
earlier this week.

Gains were wiped out as Eastern fell 3½p to 149p on a turnover of 5.1 million shares, East Midlands lost 1p to 150p (4.3 million), London 3p to 144p (5.6 million), Masweb 2p to 176p (2 million). Midlands op to 143p (6 million), Northern 3p to 149p (4.1 million), Norweb 5p to 148p (3.8 million), Seeboard 3p to 145p (1.8 million), Southern 3p to 145p (4.2 million), South Wales 3p to 164p (1.1 mil-

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(3.4 million) and Yorkshire 8p to 160p (5.9 million). The electricity package lost £30 at £1,500.

The rest of the equity market saw turnover levels boosted by year-end book-squaring with a total of 526.7 million shares traded. Prices recovered from a hesitant start, still reflecting the political situation in Moscow and

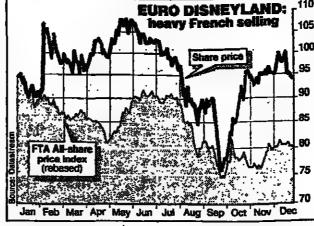
worries about the recession. The FT-SE 100 index moved in narrow limits for most of the day before ending the second leg of the threeweek account 5.6 higher at shares rose 1.2 to 1,688.4. Government securities lost rises of £4 to finish virtually unchanged.
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(to below £1 billion for the current year) with the price just 2p firmer at 888p. There were also falls for Laporte, 22p to 473p and Courtaulds, 8p to

WPP, Martin Sorrell's advertising agency, tumbled 11p to 50p, after 44p, reflecting a profits warning and the news that there will be no interim

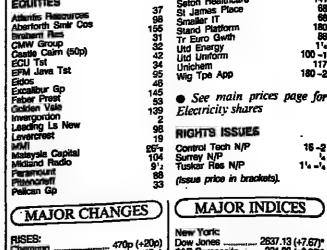
on reports from Paris that the company wants to raise £500 million. The shares fell below 930p in London in response to heavy selling in France. But they stablilised at 945p, down 28p. Warburg Securities, the company's broker in London, blamed the Stock Exchange's company news service putting out a day early an announcement which contained a list of resolutions to go before shareholders at the February annual meeting and which was without the full

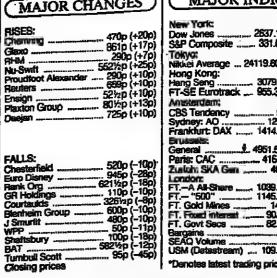
The resolutions sought per-mission to raise fresh capital at some unspecified time and were standard procedure in France. Euro Disneyland has no immediate plans to raise fresh funds. The company was floated in 1989 in London, Paris and Brussels in an issue that was heavily targeted towards the small investor.

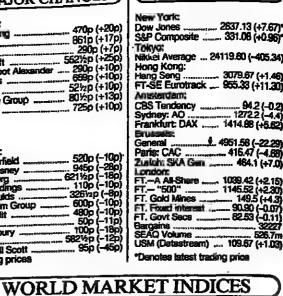
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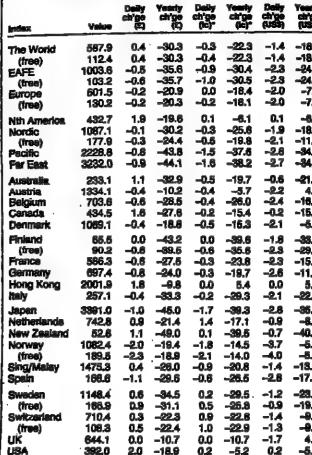
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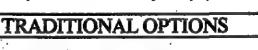
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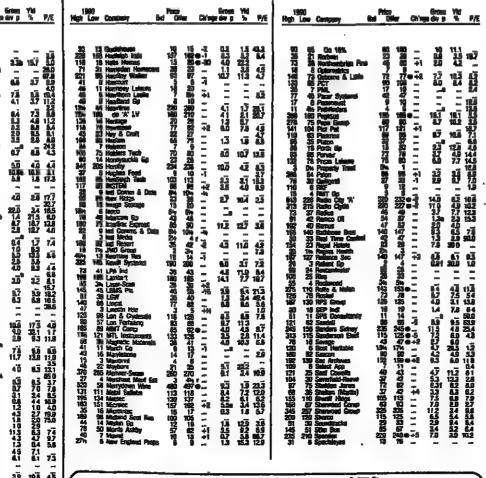
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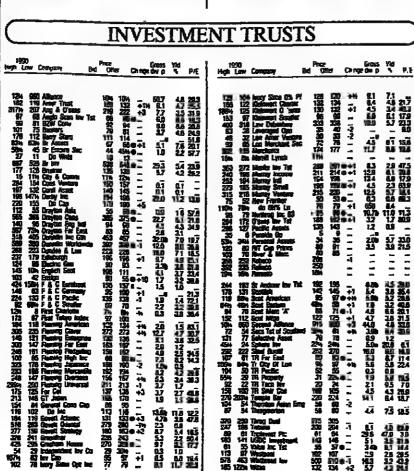
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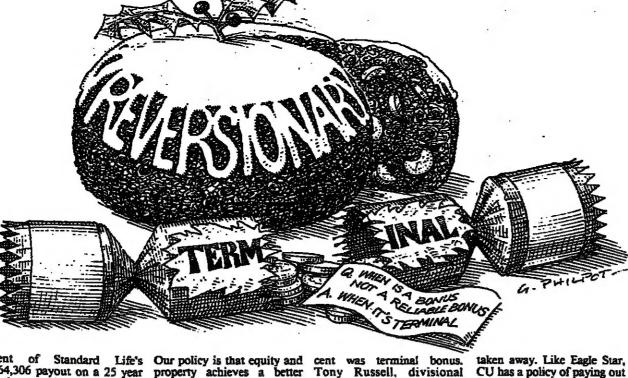
MANAGE:

HOLDERS of with-profits life and pension policies should expect to receive the same bonus as last year or a lower one added to their policy this year, as life companies face a slump in the value of the assets in with-profits funds.

Commercial Union this week led the way with a small reduction on its ten-year endowment policies.

With-profits policies earn two sorts of bonus, a reversionary bonus, which is added every year and which cannot be taken away, and a terminal bonus, which is added the year the policy matures. However, almost half the total payout of many life companies, including top performers such as Standard Life, Scottish Amicable and Equity & Law, is made up of terminal bonuses. These are much more volatile than reversionary bonuses because they depend heavily on the performance of investments in the year the policy

Ron Baxter, assistant general manager, marketing at Scottish Amicable, said: "Offices which adopt a policy of high terminal bonuses want more freedom to invest and this should ultimately produce a better return." He added that many life offices paying high terminal bonuses had figured regularly among the best performers on 10, 15 and 25 year endowments over the



cent of Standard £64,306 payout on a 25 year endowment in 1990 was made Scottish Amicable paid out guaranteed return."
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general manager at Standard Peter Shelley, actuary at Life, said: "Our objective is to Equity & Law, said: "If a smooth out market peaks and larger proportion of the ma- troughs. So payouts will not

According to statistics in Money Management, the specialist magazine, 62.9 per of a terminal bonus, we can define that as being more third best performer over 25 tions, they have to allow for returns that have been paid. £60,450 of which only 41.7 per reserves until the policy ma-

Tony Russell, divisional nance, at Eagle Star, said: "We prefer to pay a highish reversionary bonus. Generally, this is in the policyholder's interest.

He added that it was cheaper to pay out a lot on terminal bonuses because life offices did not have to make provision in their reserves. When offices make their reversionary bonus declara-

£61,721. Robbie Graham, CU's life manager, said the company preferred to build up reversionary bonuses that could not be taken away and that smoothed out market fluctuations over the term of

more on reversionary bo-

nuses. CU, the first life office

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terminal bonus on a 25 year

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tions, they have to allow for the policy. 1.4 per cent cut in both Amicable's Mr Baxter.

bonus rates on its 10 year endowments. The shorter the term, the more vulnerable the policy because investment returns, which have been high since the later Seventies, have started to fall.

If other life offices announce similar cuts, this could start to affect the minority of people who have 10 year endowments to cover mortgages, mostly those who want to pay off the mortgage quickly or people in their fifties who want to pay off the loan before they retire. If payouts are cut drastically over the next few years, they may not cover the mortgage. This would mean increasing the premiums or extending the term of the mortgage.

"If there were major cuts in reversionary bonuses as well as cuts in terminal bonuses then we could begin to see some problems," said Stan-dard Life's Mr Hylands, "But the rates of return are not threatening at the moment."

Life offices say the margins built into endowment policies to calculate premiums allow for substantial falls in bonus payouts. Premiums calculations only take into account 80 per cent of reversionary bonus payouts and do not take terminal bonuses into account

"Recent investment conditions mean that shorter term contracts are more affected than longer term contracts but there are substantial margins he policy. built in for mortgage con-However, CU announced a tracts," said Scottish said Scottish

BRIEFINGS

THE Mortgage Corporation is information from trustees, setextending its one-year capped thors and beneficiaries shown mortgage rates offer for a in their annual tax returns. further month until January This only applies to ordinary 21. The rate for new borrowers will be capped at 12.49 per trusts, charitable trusts and cent while those applying for remortgages will receive a capped rate of 12.99 per cent. These rates will apply until January 1, 1992. After this, new borrowers will pay The Mortgage Corporation's stan-

☐ Investors are being en-couraged to open a 1990-1 personal equity plan (Pep) with two special offers from Save & Prosper. Until January 31, the Managed Portfolio Pep will not attract the initial plan charge, saving £105.32 on the full £6,000 permitted investment. There will also be a 1.5 per cent discount on unit trusts invested in a Pep.

☐ Home buyers will be able

to draw down up to 95 per cent of the value of their property with a cheque book mortgage service from London Financial Services (LFS) and the Southdown Building Society. LFS has set aside an initial £50 million for the service, which allows people to write cheques against the property's value. The mortgage rate is 14.5 per cent and LFS says this is a cheaper way of borrowing money, particularly for small businesses, than taking out a

☐ The Inland Revenue will no longer ask for copies of every new trust document when assessing trusts for income and capital gains tax liabilities. From the start of the next tax year on April 6. tax offices will rely on

family trusts and not to unit

employee trusts. ☐ Leamington Spa Building Society's new one-year limited issue Summit Rond term share will pay interest of 11.25 per cent net, 15 per cent gross. The minimum investment is £1,000 and the maximum is £500,000. Savers are not allowed to withdraw money

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For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this (today's are on page 31).

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Stags slow to emerge as power certificates arrive

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

wanting to sell electricity cheap and instant dealing services were largely ignored as millions of interim certificates were posted out.

At the Skipton Building Society, which has 190,000

people registered for free deal- vouchers and dividend." ing, only 500 sales were made. A spokesman said that the offer would remain open until February 22 and he expected

The Leeds Permanent tations for the service, said a shares for a quick profit was Building Society reported "no slow to start this week. Free, queues" for its free dealing service. A spokesman said: "Because all the allocations before selling. Others were on Wednesday and Thursday are so low people are working waiting to see what happened out that even with free dealing they are not going to make very much. We think they are going to hold on for the

> At Barclayshare, which is offering telephone dealing for a minimum fee of £12.50, deals were running at 3,000 an

THE expected rush by stags in January or February, transactions was below expecspokesman. Some families were waiting for all members to receive their allocations to the price. The average sale was 300 shares worth £440. National Westminster's

Touchscreen service in 270 branches handled more than 3,000 deals an hour yesterday, in the first real rush of sellers. In last year's water privatisa-tion it handled 27,000 deals on that people were holding back hour yesterday, twice the pace the first day that certificates hoping to obtain a higher price of Thursday. The number of arrived.

Windfalls from National Savings would be received. The payment was

NEARLY 2,000 people are to receive Christmas premium bond windfalls totalling £182,750 because National Savings paid out prize money to holders of cashed-in premium bonds (Sara McConnell writes).

At the end of July last year 1,600 investors' bonds were repaid and the numbers were wrongly entered in the first weekly draw of the next month. Following legal advice received this week, National Savings will no longer enter the number of bonds repaid on the legt day of the poetth into the next last day of the month into the next month's draw.

Because of this ruling the winner of the £100,000 prize in the first weekly draw in August 1989 was in fact ineligible to enter it. However, he or she will be allowed to keep the prize. The winner of that week's £50,000 prize will be awarded another £50,000 because he or she was the rightful winner while the £25,000 winner will receive another

£25,000, making the prize up to £50,000.

A National Savings spokesman said: "We will be notifying these people in the next couple of days and no one will have to claim. We will also be paying a total of £72,000 compensation on top of the prize money because we feel that these people could have put money into banks or building societies and earned interest on it. The lion's share of the money will

be going to the £50,000 prize winner."
Payouts of £100 will go to 518 people, while a further 579 will receive prizes of £50. Another, smaller, windfall of £1.50 plus interest is on its way to 15,000 holders of index-linked savings certificates. All lost out on the nine occasions since 1975 when the retail prices index (RPI) fell at the beginning of the month. Although holders had cashed in their certificates at the end of the previous month, the repayment was valued on the first day of the next month when National Savings estimated payment

lower, reflecting the fall in the RPL The months in question are November 1982, February 1983, March 1984, September 1984, February 1985, September 1985, September 1986, September 1987 and

National Savings says, however, that most people gained rather than lost when their savings were valued at the estimated date of delivery rather than the date of posting. Over the past 70 years, it calculates that it has paid out an extra £300 million. "If National Savings had valued the repayments at the date of posting rather than at the expected date of receipt, customers would have been deprived of the full value of their investments." The National Savings spokesman said there should be a clause in next year's finance bill that would allow National Savings to continue to value savings at the expected date of delivery rather than at posting date.

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long overdue. The move is part of a package of measures to make credit safer for customers. Consumer groups and the director general of fair trading have long been concerned about inertia selling of expensive insurance to borrowers.

as credit cards. The decision is

The industry prefers to describe its sales method as "negative option selling". It means that applicants have to put a cross in a box to avoid paying for payment protection insurance. Reputable mers being induced to buy insurcard issuers have avoided the practice because they recognised it was not a true service for their customers. Others continued to not be charged for services that sell often unwanted credit insurance because it is very profitable. They know that if they require credit applicants to mark the Consumer Credit Act will a box to show they do not want also ban credit companies from

Victory in sight for borrowers

insurance, they have double the take up that they would with

positive option selling.

The trade department has dragged its feet over the matter. But this week it ruled that inertia selling of payment protection insurance and other credit-related services will be prohibited.

The credit industry has argued that a code of practice would have gone a considerable way to guard against the risk of consuance they did not really want. The government has decided, they have not "positively and expressly requested". The gov-ernment's proposed changes to



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raising credit limits, other than make sure they obtain the best through inflation, without the specific request of the customer. This should prevent companies topping up the credit limits to tempt more spending.

Credit agreements will also give customers time to pause for thought. These will warn shoppers not to sign unless they can afford the payments. Cancella-tion of credit deals signed on trade premises will be allowed. Customers who shop around to

deals on washing machines or three piece suites will now have time to consider how good a deal the store's credit agreement is. Currently, customers who change their minds can find themselves paying off substantially more than they borrowed.

People will still have to take care when applying for credit, but there should be a lot less scope for confusion. It is good also that Edward Leigh, the consumer

affairs minister, recognises the shortcomings in the proposed banks' and building societies' code of banking practice. He acknowledges it cannot be the complete answer to irresponsible practices in the credit market.

The proposal is that the new rules should come into force three months after they are laid before Parliament, which would be next summer at the earliest. The credit industry could do itself some good by voluntarily cleaning up its act before then.

Justice done

ommon sense prevailed in Yorkshire this week. Leeds 'Crown Court dismissed as a "complete nonsense" the case

brought against the Halifax Building Society by the Data Protection Registrar. The largest society was charged under the Data Protection Act with using personal information for crime prevention without registering it.

Surely the law should be encouraging financial institutions to prevent crime. Building societies co-operated to help catch the baby food extortionist. He was jailed this week on the same day that the Halifax was cleared. This month the Bank of England issued new guidelines to prevent money laundering.

It is in the interests of all bank and building society customers that security measures are taken to ensure that misrouted cheques cannot be cashed by the wrong

people.

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Replied to mailshot: Lockley Harris of Birmingham

Watchdogs warn 'steer clear' of classic car deals

By Tony Hetherington

funds to invest in classic cars. European Classic Car In-

vestments is British-run. Its glossy literature is printed in English but it operates from smart offices in Brussels. From there, mailshots are sent to potential investors in the United Kingdom.

These claim that classic cars such as Jaguars and Aston Martins have appreciated in value over the past ten years at an annual compound rate of 35 per cent. Potential clients are invited to return a post-card that will go into a draw for a £3,000 cash prize. Those who do so are sent an expensively produced brochure, which explains that ECCI "targets" classic cars it be-

lieves will grow in value. Each car's price is divided into 100 units, costing from £2,000 to £10,000 each. When ECCI has sold enough units to cover the cost of the car, plus an extra 15 per cent that it thing in return. When he takes for itself, it buys the vehicle on behalf of the synfrom ECC1, he contacted dicate of investors.

Profits can be huge, the company boasts, quoting a profit of 650 per cent on one deal: "Your £450 contract, syndicated in 1987, would have made you a clear profit of £3,050 in a year-and-ahalf." Attractive as that may sound, European Classic Car Investments was not operat-ing in 1987, according to the Belgian authorities, and still has no licence to offer any investments from Belgian soil.

The Banking Commission, a Belgian watchdog says ECCI has never applied for the permit the body believes it should have. Police in Brussels have now been asked to The warning was echoed by

the Securities and Invest- that has not been the case." ments Board in London. Betty Powell, SIB's spokeswoman, said: "What is being offered is a unitised investment, and as such, under the Financial Services Act, the promoters must belong to one of the selfregulatory organisations and they do not."

One investor who replied to Lockley Harris, a retired chartered surveyor from Birmingnam. He was later telephoned by Matthew Brown, an ECCI alesman, who tried to sell him units in a classic car that comment. Its Brussels office was said to be in storage in appeared to be unmanned.

FINANCIAL watchdogs in Germany. "I told him I was London and Brussels have is- not very interested and that I sued a warning against dealing did not have the money. He with a company soliciting asked if I had any shares and offered to sell them for me at a good price. He rang me three times in one evening, from Brussels, and eventually I said l would agree.

"Apparently, whoever set the company up had got a contact in brokers TC Coombs, and that is where they were dealing."

ECCI appeared very anxious to clinch the deal, says Mr Harris. He offered to send his share certificates to Brussels, but ECCI told him it was not necessary. "It was the most fantastic thing," he recalled. "They said they would send someone and within an hour. there was a motorbike courier at the door."

Mr Harris was later sent transfer forms by ECCI, inviting him to sign over his shares, but he refused as he had never received contract notes for the sales, and was beginning to doubt he would receive any-Coombs in London and arranged to have the share sales

Jeff Runciman, Coombs' chief dealer, confirmed the brokers had accepted business introduced by ECCI, but said the firm had closed the ac-count before actually sending any clients' money to Brussels.

"We had one or two people coming on to us, saying that they had received no documentation from European Classic Cars and they were a bit unhappy about it. We have frozen the funds, and it is all in the hands of the SIB. The underlying clients will get all their money back. You might just have expected ECCI to have come on to me. saying

Mr Runciman added that in many cases, Coombs did not have full details of the investors whose shares were being sold, as deals were arranged by ECCI. Investors who believe the brokers may be holding funds belonging to them should contact the SIB.

Classic cars enjoyed a vogue ECCI's initial mailshot was that drove prices up sharply until they peaked in 1988. Since then they have slid, in some cases by more than 50

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By CAROL LEONARD

he secretly cherished lifelong ambition of Sir Allen Sheppard, the chairman and chief executive of Grand Metropolitan, was to be a politician. Now only four years away from retirement — his 58th birthday is on Christmas Day — he admits, unhesitatingly, that it has become his biggest regret.

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"The only trouble is I would probably have joined the wrong party," he says. Sheppard, born in London's East End, was once an ardent Labour supporter. Influenced by his mother, who had to forgo a place at a teacher training college because her parents were too poor, he joined the party when he was a sixth-former at Ilford County High School.

"I was a dedicated member of he Labour party. But I gradually became disenchanted with it. You could say it was as I developed higher income, but it was more

That disenchantment began when he was introduced to a Labour MP through a friend of his mother. "I forget his name," says Sheppard diplomatically, "but he was a long-serving 1930s-style Labour man and he asked me what I had done. I, with pride, said that I had passed the 11-plus and gone through college. I didn't expect him to give me a vote of thanks but I remember being absolutely shocked when he turned to me and said: You have betrayed the working classes. You should never have gone through college. You are the sort of person. we want on the shop floor. You could organise strikes, you could disrupt, you've got a lot of the right attitudes.' He left me feeling completely confused."

Although it was not until Margaret Thatcher came to power in 1979 that Sheppard finally switched his allegiance, he further questioned his in-bred political beliefs as a student at the London School of Economics.

"I can remember one of my tutors, a woman, discussing an economics paper I had written and saying: 'Has it not occurred to you at all that at times we should think about the size of the cake as well as how we cut it up?" I can hear her saying that to me now. I had never actually thought about the market. To me it had all been about getting those bastards out of the way and fighting your way through. It wasn't to do with growing the whole economy.

"I was 18 at the time and it made me start to think. I guess it was growing up. I believed in theoretical socialism until the mid-Sixties. I still believe passionately in equality of opportunity. Then, when one lived through the Seventies you saw, long before the East Germans discovered it, that it doesn't work. I have been a Thatcherite supporter for the past eleven and ahalf years." But he would, he thinks, have made an "appalling" prime minister. Those who know him well question whether he would have been successful as an MP. "He's not really a political man, he is only political about issues, says Sir Brian Wolfson, chairman of Wembley and the National Training Task Force, of which Sheppard is a member. "There is no question that on some issues he would be to the right of centre. On other issues he would veer to the left."

He certainly does not run Grand

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Sir Allen Sheppard

some of those debates become quite passionate. Verbally we cut each other to pieces. We rarely sit down and debate anything in an analytical sense.

"I come in and make a statement about what I think should be done. If the other directors were all yes men, they would agree with everything. But they don't. And I certainly do not win all the arguments. If I don't win, I sulk. But the ongoing effect of that is we have no regrets about any of the decisions we have made."

He admits that against that background, GrandMet needs exceptionally strong non-executive directors. Otherwise the executive directors would run away with the company." Its nonexecutives include Sir John Harvey-Jones, the former ICI chairman, and Dick Giordano, chairman of BOC Group. And recruits to the executive staff are hand-picked to ensure they are strong enough to stand up to GrandMet's bluff culture.

"We have attracted the same type of person, risk-takers if you want, and on a lot of occasions we have gone out to seek people who we know are rebels."

He is not, he says, a memo sender, preferring to talk things through with people face to face, but the one thing that really irritates him is people who waste his time. "GrandMet people don't spend a lot of time discussing things in great detail. If a person started talking to me about something I think they should have dealt with themselves I would be bloody rude to them."

But he differentiates between his management style and straight-forward delegation. "People ask if I delegate and I say 'No'. They say: 'Ah, you're an autocrat.' But that isn't what I mean. If you delegate, it implies you know what the other person should be doing and you tell them what to do. I'm not that good. I believe in the individual.

"We have checks and balances in the corporate governing sense, but we don't believe in safety nets for our management. We don't have one-and-a half people doing each person's job. What one has to do is to have absolutely excellent people and encourage them to take authority to do their own thing, like a small business. My job is to ride that anarchy, working within a strategic plan, rather like a herd of horses. I have to somehow apture all that movement: that is what management is all about,"

Sheppard talks about work incessantly, only occasionally be-coming side-tracked into a polit-ical debate. His best friend is, he says, his wife, Mary. But he is reluctant to talk about her. They married in 1980, live in an Essex mansion amid 150 scres, have five dogs - four red setters - but no children.

Apart from politics, his lack of children is his other main source of regret. Tellingly, however, he met both Mary and his first wife — "I still see her occasionally, we get on very well" - at work the latter at Ford during his 18-year stint in the British car industry and Mary

and get back at about 8.30 pm, later if I'm going out. And I take work home with me, about an hour each evening and eight hours

He believes fervently that work should also be fun, and Grand-Mer's board meetings, as well as being rowdy, are also excep-tionally good-humoured. "It's one way of relieving stress," he says. "If I didn't find my job enjoyable, and wasn't able to laugh about it, I would blow up. The danger is that people who do not know me find it difficult because everything ap-pears to be a joke. But it's when I'm laughing most that I'm at my

most dangerous."
Wolfson says: "He is a strange quixotic mixture. On the one hand he is very protective of himself and his personal life and yet, at the same time, he is prepared to tell you exactly what he thinks about anything else. He is not a bullshit

"He is shrewd, ballsy and gutsy. He has an enormous amount of energy, he is full of fun and he loves to create mayhem, shaking everything up to see what arises. He thrives on doing things. He would be an appalling person to have to spend time with doing nothing. You couldn't just lie on a beach, you would have to be out there harpooning something."

Wolfson also points out that it is intriguing that Sheppard used his postgraduate year at LSE to qualify as an accountant and a company secretary. "They are contra-cultural to his nature. An ccountant should be someone

with whom order is paramount." But, despite his success, Shep-pard is not well organised. He has to have it forced upon him. "I am bad at organising myself," he admits. "I'm better at organising other people.

He is often late for meetings. "But no one ever turns up on time anymore because they all know. I'm not good at getting up and I'm not good at going to bed on time. The whole of my life has been one hour late and I have never managed to catch up. That was one of my problems in the army: I could never manage to be on

He was earmarked as a troublemaker early in his national service. After rupturing himself in basic training, he ended up as a pay clerk in Nottingham and reorganised the office so that a month's allocation of work was completed in three weeks.

"We reorganised all the systems. It was one way of showing insubordination. I was charged with acting insubordinately by addressing an officer through carbon paper. It was one of the improvements we made, to save you from handwriting every en-velope. But the colonel dismissed the charge." He hated the army, he says, "because it represented

his loathing of authority is central to Sheppard's character. It is that that drove him to become his own boss, so that no one would be able to tell him what to do. He can trace it back to his childhood and his father's job as an engine driver for British Rail in Stratford, East London. His brother Peter, to whom he is still close, still works as an engine driver on that same line. His mother was a part-time bank clerk for Barclays in Lom-bard Street. Money was tight.

"My father at least had job security, but he worked under tremendous physical pressure, do-ing lots of night work. He found it Metropolitan in a political way.

And he denies suggestions it has become a one-man company. Board meetings are, he reveals, often rowdy. He prefers to call them "passionate".

"We have had some very deep debates on some subjects and the British car industry and Mary at British Leyland.

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respond to it for 51 years. I guess some of that rubbed off on me. "I have always hated authority. It's OK to be a rebel if you've got money, you can afford to be one. But if you come from a working class background you hate the system instead."

oncluding that he has "some of my father's stubbornness and some of my mother's ambition", he says that as a child "there were two things I was determined not to be. One was an engine driver and the other a teacher." However, he did once work as a passenger porter at Liverpool Street station in the summer holidays, and as a goods porter at Walthamstow. Ironically, he was until recently a

director of British Rail.
"Either I was going to become a communist shop steward and try to overthrow society or I was going to join in It didn't make me a rebel, it made me coldly determined that I would be back, I would return. As a kid I was a bit of a loner. I preferred the company of adults to children. I must have been a bit of a bore really. I did not like people pushing me around. I was determined to get myself educated because my mother had convinced me that that was the only way to break out."

Despite such militant roots, he now gets on particularly well with the Prince of Wales, whom he meets in his capacity as chairman of the Prince's Youth Business Trust and a vice-president of Business in the Community.

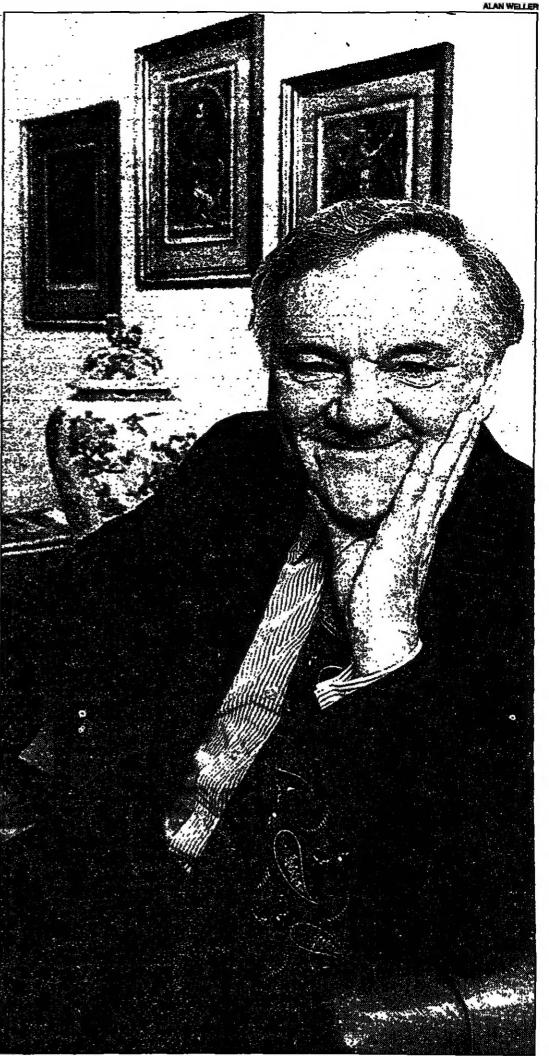
"He is very warm, very friendly and not overwhelmed with self-importance," says Stephen O'Brien, Business in the Community's chief executive. "He's not afraid to make a fool of himself, to have a go, and he doesn't make a virtue out of doing good. It doesn't

seem to be an ego trip for him."

In this he is clearly very different to many other indus-trialists. And when he meets the Prince of Wales he is undaunted. "He does not change at all," says O'Brien. "He is the opposite of sycophantic. He pulls his leg and gets his leg pulled in return.

Sheppard is not ashamed of his roots. He still speaks with a strong London accent and he is certainly warm. He uses words like "passionate" a lot, "I am not coldblooded," he says. "If I watch a play and it is perticularly moving, won't be sobbing in the aisle, but there will be the odd tear."

Now on a salary of £506,000 a year, he has certainly come a long way. "I am well paid and I have been fortunate. But you do not get fabulously rich doing what I do. It's not the pursuit of money that drives me, nor is it the pursuit of security. It really is the thought of being your own boss."



Militant roots: Sir Allen Sheppard, chairman and chief executive of Grand Metropolitan

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Wrapping up for harsh reality

warm Chrisimas, as a 200 per cent jump in electricity prices in the new year promises to end their sub-tropical heating habits.

Energy was heavily subsidised before reunification this year, with electricity costing just eight pfennigs a kilowatt. In winter, shops, offices and homes were superheated as an antidote to the piles of grey snow outside.
This should change in January

when electricity prices triple to bring them into line with the west. Thermostats may never be turned so high again: good news for visitors who have to endure temperature extremes every time they venture into the city.

As they crawl along the Kudamm, Berlin's motorists are also beginning to see the draw-backs of their city's rapid reunification. Conservative estimates suggest traffic has risen by 30 per cent in the last year as thousands of Trabant owners have headed west in search of consumer durables. The Trabant, the omnipresent East German car, is a noisy, dirty, slow-moving industrial mistake almost tailor-made to cause traffic seizures.

Now the city is blanketed in snow the streets are littered with broken-down Trabants, bringing many important junctions to a standstill. Since East Germans gained the pick of the car market the price of a second-hand Trabant has slumped to less than DM500, encouraging owners to span abandon them wherever they effect

NEIL BENNETT IN BERLIN



Berlin: drawbacks for drivers break down. Eberhard Freitag, the manager of the Potsdam savings bank, is part of the problem. Until last year he was happy if he could persuade the local mechanic to keep his ageing Trabant on the road. But after currency unification last July, he cashed in his savings for a 5-series BMW. His

wife now drives the Trabant into Berlin to shop. The new roads through Potsdamer Platz, across the site of the Wall, have not alleviated the problem. For years, Berlin's even before reunification and few problem. The meant it was are willing to buy, sell or develop spared some of the worst side property in the east while there are spared some of the late twentieth cen-questions over its ownership.

THE citizens of former East Berlin are preparing to celebrate their last are prepared by lack of funds, as the federal government is cutting back its annual subsidy of about DM500 million that supported West Berlin during the division.

The Berlin government is relying on public transport to cure the worst of the problems. Many of the subway stations that were closed in 1961 when the Wall was built have been reopened. Earlier this month it was again possible to travel to the Brandenburg Gate.

The traffic situation, however, is likely to grow worse in the new year. When the Wall was first breached in November last year, the city was stormed by thousands of Polish motorists who wanted to shop in the West. The tide was stemmed after German reunification when Polish citizens needed a visa to visit the country. But from lanuary the requirement is being scrapped, leaving Berlin open to another four-wheeled invasion.

Berliners are also nervous about the threatened arrival of the government. Under the terms of reunification, Berlin once more is the German capital, but the government is in Bonn. If it decides to move, more than 200,000 white-collar workers will arrive. Then it will be more than

the traffic that seizes up. The city is also suffering a growing housing problem. Housing in the west was in short supply 3

Carl Hahn of Volkswagen and

launching an assault on the east European car market that could decide the leadership of the European industry. Business - The Sunday

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SUMMARY

Court bans boycott by brokers

SIR Gordon Borrie, the director general of the Office of Fair Trading, has won an interim injunction in the Restrictive Trade Practices Court preventing brokers from boycotting General Accident, the insurance company, from

January 1. Mr Justice Warner decided the boycott planned by the Institute of Insurance Brokers was not in the public interest. The court has given the Institute until December 31 to withdraw the boycott. Treasury solicitors will write to all 850 members telling them of

the ruling. The brokers are angry that General Accident provided insurance via Ford, the motor company, for 80,000 buyers of new Escorts, Orions and Fiestas. The free insurance policies guaranteed a full no claims bonus at the end of the

year for all the drivers. General Accident accounts for 8 per cent of the motor insurance market. About I per cent of its business comes from institute members.

Stress factor



Sir Alien Shepherd, chairman and chief executive of Grand Metropolitan, was a long serving Labour party member, but does not run his company in a political way despite rowdy board meetings. He tells Carol Leonard that the good humour of these meetings relieves

Watchdog alert

Financial watchdogs in London and Brussels have issued a warning against dealing with European Classic Car Investments, a company soliciting funds to invest in classic cars. The British-run firm sends glossy literature to potential investors in the UK claiming annual compound returns of 35 per cent over the last ten

Tessa time

Companies are busy launching tax exempt special savings accounts (Tessas) in time for the launch on January 1. Nationwide, NatWest, Woolwich, Midland, and Bradford and Bingley have shown their

Bonus gloom

There will be no bonus rate bonanza this year as life offices feel the weight of the year's market slump. There could be cuts on shorter term policies and payouts made up largely of terminal bonus rates could also suffer Page 33

Bond payout

National Savings is paying out £300,000 to 16,600 holders of premium bond and index linked savings certificates in the next few weeks. Premium bond holders missed out because National Savings put ineligible repaid bonds in draws nine times since ...Page 33

Power stags

The stags have been slow off the mark to sell electricity shares. Allocations were too low for most people to make much profit even with free dealing services...... Page 33



Car wars

Gianni Agnelli of Fiat - two car chiefs who could scarcely be more different. Now they are

The cost of living quiz 1990

The year has been a hard one on the pocket. Within weeks base mortgage rates reached a new peak, sending thousands of home owners into a panic. Then came a plea to savers to think about

giving their money to someone or something called Tessa, and the introduction of the first

annual charges for credit cards. And as 1990 drew

to a close base mortgage rates started to come down again. So many changes, so much confusion. How much attention were you paying? Find out in our special quiz. The answers are on page 34

1. Why did 600,000 holders of Lloyds Bank Access cards send back their cards in the first few

weeks of 1990? a) A printing error meant the cards were invalid. b) The bank ran a campaign to

reduce debt. c) Lloyds became the first major card issuer to levy an annual fee on its credit card of £12.

2. When Barclays introduced an annual charge in June how long did it give people to cancel their card and get their money back? a) 56 days: the same as the maximum interest-free period

with a Barclaycard when the full bill is paid off each month. b) 14 days from the arrival of . c) One year, by which time the bank hopes the other main card issuers will have introduced a

3. In June, Weekend Money reported on the case of a dentist who tried to cancel his wife's credit and charge cards. What

a) She cut up his cards first. b) After a four-year battle he was ordered in the High Court to pay an £8,000 bill run up on her American Express card. c) A sales assistant confiscated her card when she next went

shopping. 4. Why did the Data Protection Registrar serve enforcement notices on the four main credit reference agencies in August?

a) Because they were refusing to pass on information about b) Because they were supplying information on other people in the household when a person applied for credit. c) The agencies were not supplying information to the

registrar.

photographs. c) The tax exempt special savings account, which was announced in the Budget and will be launched on January 1 by all main savings institutions.

2. What is CRT and why will its abolition cost millions of basic rate taxpayers more? a) Christmas reindeer tax will be applied to all parents who give gifts to children this year. b) Comparative ratio tax will increase the basic rate tax each

currently deducted by banks and building societies from all savings at the rate of 22 per cent. When the tax is abolished on April 6 non-taxpayers will be able to earn interest gross but basic rate taxpayers will have 25 per cent deducted from the in-

3. Why did the Halifax write to the parents of 1.25 million children in

a) To ask them to increase that youngsters could save

b) To find out what the child-

c) To remind parents that and should be registered as terest gross on their savings accounts when CRT is scrapped.

4. The Inland Revenue will start a television advertising campaign in January. What will the adverts be

Who or what is Tessa and why her name linked with John a) The new head of National

Savings who is to introduce more tax-free products next year. b) The former Chancellor's dog who appeared in Budget

year for people who win inflationary pay awards.
c) Composite rate tax is the tax

terest earned on savings.

their children's pocket money so

ren wanted for Christmas this most children are non-taxpayers such with building societies and



a) The pleasure of paying more b) The need for non-taxpayers

to register for gross payment of c) That Inland Revenue snoopers are looking for people who are working and not

MORTGAGES

declaring tax.

What was the historically high base mortgage rate set in February? a) 15.4 per cent. b) 14.5 per cent.

c) 17 per cent. 2. Why do more than three million home buyers face mortgage pay-ment rises in 1991 despite the November mortgage rate cut? more in arrears with their

mortgages b) Their loans are operated under an annual review scheme which means they did not have their payments increased in the spring and now have to

pay for that shortfall. c) Their lenders are nervous about interest rate prospects and have decided to increase payments to prevent borrowers falling into debt in the future.

3. What concessions were granted to home buyers in the 1990

a) Stamp duty was scrapped. b) A £60,000 threshold was introduced for stamp duty.

PENSIONS

 Why might an historic European court ruling lead to women facing longer working lives? a) On average women live longer than men so it was ruled that they should retire later to give both sexes the same numbe of years of drawing a pension. b) The court ruled that occupational pension schemes should apply the same retirement benefits to men as they do to women, including retirement age. This is likely to mean

work to age 65 to earn a full c) Women will have to work on until they reach male wage levels to earn a full pension.

more women being required to

2. Why were long-serving employees advised in October not to change jobs until January 1 or after?

 a) Under the Social Security Act they could receive substantially greater pension transfer values if they worked for their present company before 1985. b) There is a backlog of job

3. How many people have con-tracted out of the state earnings

c) To make sure they get two

pay rises in as many months.

transfer forms at the Department

of Social Security.

related pension scheme since April 1988? a) Four million.

b) 500,000 as predicted by the Department Social Security. c) All civil servants.

TAXATION

1. Why might a teacher's perk lead to other workers paying more tax? a) The Court of Appeal in November backed the Inland Revenue in a case against Malvern College teachers. It ruled that employees must pay tax on the average cost of benefits b) The Inland Revenue ruled that apples given to teachers by pupils were tips and should be declared for tax. c) Employees who have six weeks or more holiday in the

summer could face higher National Insurance contributions. 2. What was the single tax allowance in 1989-90 and 90-1? a) £5,000 and £6,000. b) £1,500 and £2,000.

£2,785 and £3,005. 3. Why were husbands advised to hand over large lump sums to their

wives in April? a) To prevent the wives being able to claim maintenance if they later divorced. b) Where the women were non-taxpayers they could invest the money and earn interest

free of tax under independent taxation rules introduced in April. c) To show that that chivalry was not dead.

4. Why do some parents pay less tax on their child care since April? a) A new tax allowance was introduced for single parents. b) Work place nurseries are no longer counted as a perk, which means that employees do not have to pay tax on the difference between what they pay for a place and what it costs their

employer. c) Nannies became tax deduct-

ible for working mothers. INVESTMENT

1. How many people applied for shares in the 12 electricity a) 12.75 million. b) 5.7 million. c) 2.5 million.

2. How much of a personal equity plan can be invested in unit trusts? a) £3.000. b) £6,000. c) £2,400.

3. Why can the public expect more unsolicited telephone calls from investment salesmen? a) Because times are hard and they are finding it hard to sell their products. b) BT is offering cheaper calls to telephone salesmen c) The Securities and Investments Board proposes to allow salesmen to sell investment

trust savings schemes and personal equity plans by cold call-

ing next year.

Sorting the Christmas post: Barclaycard now automatically covers parcels lost in the rush

Plastic has parcels covered

By SARA McCONNELL A FEW days' delay in receiving Christmas we have had the service Christmas presents sent through we are expecting a lot of activity," the post is a fact of life at this time she said. of year, but the senders of some parcels bought by credit card will be able to claim on the insurance offered with their plastic if a

American Express's Purchase Protection plan covers items up to £20,000 bought with an American Express card and reported lost, accidentally damaged or stolen within 90 days. But an Amex spokeswoman said card holders in calls after Christmas from claiming for parcels lost in the post must take "due care", which customers claiming on the card's Purchase Cover insurance. The deal, introduced in May, provides means sending it recorded delivautomatic cover against theft, ery or registered mail. If parcels damage or loss for any item are lost, customers should claim on the Post Office's own insurance before claiming from Amex. She said: "Purchase protection between £50 and £15,000 as long

is a safety net and people need to make sure they are not covered elsewhere. Some people may be covered on their contents in-However, householders need to look carefully at the small print on their policies because most will

not cover parcels in transit through the mail. A Prudential spokesman said: "Parcels in the post are not FREEPOST, London E1 IBR. Registered Charity Number: corasts | London E1 IBR. Registered Charity Number: corasts | London E1 IBR.

policies. We don't cater for that eventuality and we advise people to use registered post."

For a nominal fee people can insure their parcels with Parcelforce, the parcels division of the Royal Mail. Parcelforce will not normally pay out on uninsured parcels but in individual cases will pay between £20 for a 5 kilogram parcel and £45 for a 25 kilogram parcel. If a parcel is valuable it is safer to insure it. Customers buying cover for parcels posted in the UK under the UK Standard Service will pay 45p for compensation of up to £75, 55p for up to £140 compensation, 75p for up to £250 and 95p for up to £400.

Parcelforce says that insured parcels should be securely wrapped and sealed with adhesive tape so that it is obvious if the parcel has been tampered with. Parcels should be initialled in ink and all words spelt out in full. Stick-on address labels should only be used if the parcel is worth less than £200. Anyone claiming on the insurance will have to produce a

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